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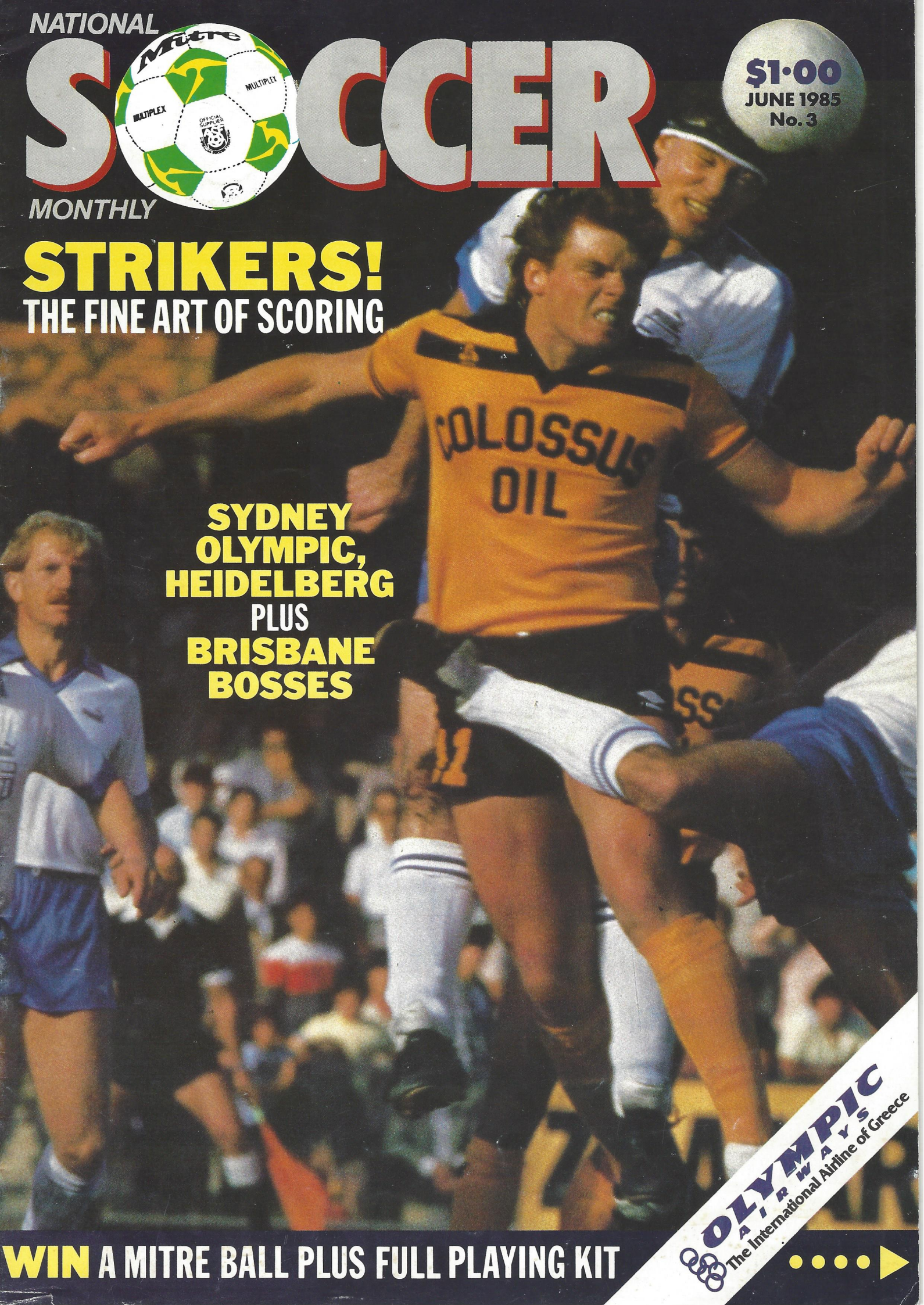

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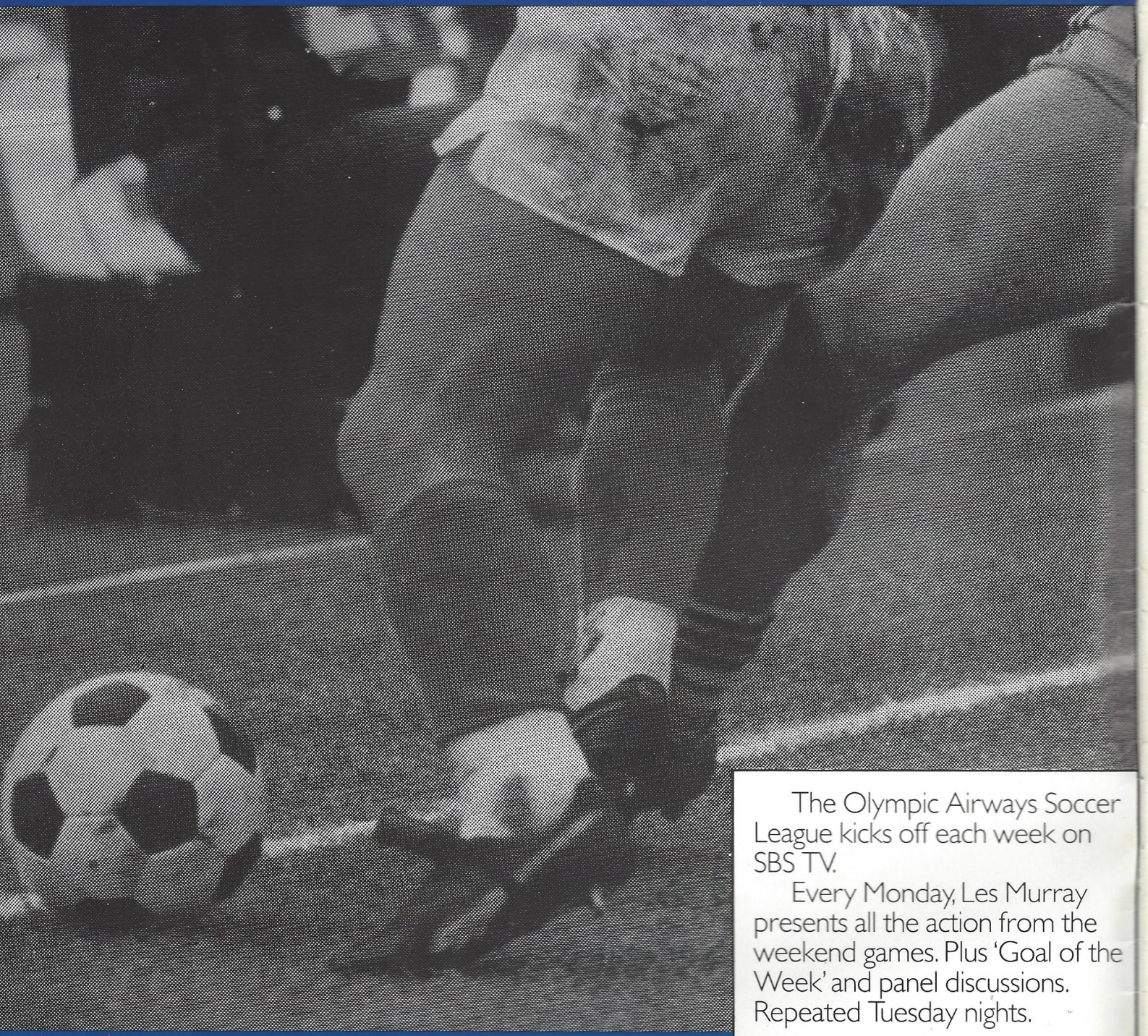

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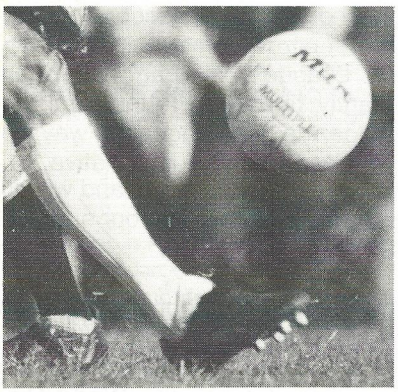

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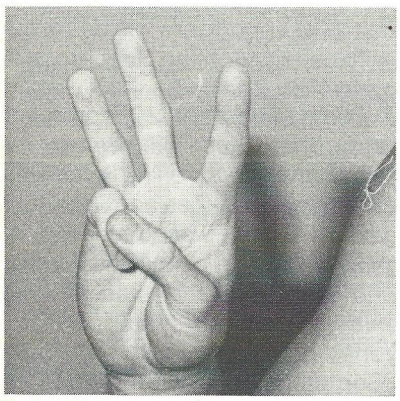

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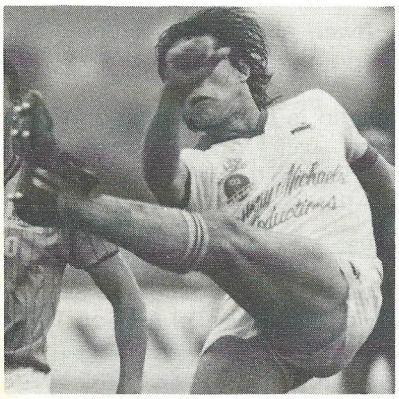

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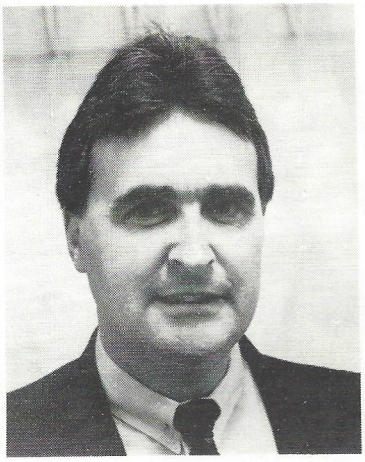

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK...

Last month we held over for one week the publishing of National Soccer Monthly so that we could include a special on the N.S.L. Cup Final.

Unfortunately the Anzac Day match was rained off, as indeed was the rescheduled match the following week.

Sydney Olympic and Preston are now keeping their fingers crossed that Friday August 16, will be a fine night so that the Cup Final can eventually be staged.

We are hoping that SBS-TV can broadcast the match live to viewers other than in Sydney, but will keep you informed of progress.

Speaking of live broadcasts, we are also discussing with SBS-TV the possibility of both legs of the National Playoff Final on September 4 and 8 being broadcast, again to cities other than that in which the match is played.

The second leg is scheduled for Olympic Park, Melbourne and will be followed on Monday September 9 with the Annual NSL-ASPA Awards at the Southern Cross Hotel.

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The League, in conjunction with Camperdown Travelodge, held a memorable media and sponsors luncheon during the recent visit of Kevin Keegan.

For over an hour and a half, Kevin spoke about his early days in soccer, his times at Liverpool and Hamburg, his thoughts on various English managers and kept the large audience amused with his anecdotes.

The response to this talk was amazing and he received all but a standing ovation.

Throughout his stay, the reception he received was similar, which says a great deal about the man's attitude, one which has never changed from his humble beginning as a coal miner's son.

In the words of one soccer scribe he was 'magic'.

●

The favourable response we have received following the first two editions of National Soccer Monthly has been overwhelming.

The League's mailbag has been constantly filled with letters praising the magazine and suggesting ways in which it can be more informative.

We welcome your ideas and will do all we can to implement your suggestions, space permitting.

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The league will be conducting tours later this year to give you the opportunity to follow the Socceroos on their quest to reach the World Cup Finals in Mexico. In fact we anticipate at least 200 supporters will be travelling with us to watch the Socceroos in action in New Zealand.

On Friday Septeber 20, tours will leave Sydney and Melbourne for Auckland and the opening qualifying match against New Zealand. The tour includes flights, accommodation, breakfasts, airport transfers, transfers to and from the stadium and reserved grandstand seats.

Sydney passengers return on Sunday September 23, with Melbourne passengers returning the following day. The all in cost is $245 per person (twin share) ex Sydney and $499 per person (twin share) ex Melbourne.

The trip is being arranged in conjunction with Ansett International Travel, with extended tours available.

See the application form on page 38.

The NZ trip will be followed by a tour to watch the Socceroos second qualifying match in Tel Aviv on Tuesday, October 8.

The tour, in conjunction with Olympic Airways, will leave Sydney and Melbourne on Saturday September 28 for Athens. After seven days in Greece the tour moves to Israel for four days, before returning to Australia. Full details will be provided next month, but I suggest you book early in view of the limited seating available.

— Stefan Kamasz

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OFF THE POST

National Soccer Monthly welcomes your opinions. Write to us and express your soccer views. We're giving away a Mitre ball to the reader responsible for the letter of the month. This month's winner is Nathan Hollister of Sunshine. ***Write to:*** *The Letters Editor, National Soccer Monthly, 36-38 Clarence St, Sydney 2000.*

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Soccer in Australia is not attracting crowds as large as we might desire because some people are under the mistaken impression that all players on show are Continentals. It should be pointed out that this is simply not true.

Take South Melbourne, for instance. They are backed by the Greek community but have just two regular players who are Greek. Perhaps soccer fans who are not currently attending games should wake up to themselves and realise that we have something that is both enjoyable to watch and play.

I enjoy your magazine and offer a few suggestions. How about a middle page colour spread featuring a team each month. Perhaps you could also publish where fans can purchase the playing strip worn by their favourite Olympic Airways League team.

George Bollas,
Melbourne, Vic.

BRAVE 'KEEPERS

Thanks for your feature on goalkeepers. I agree with Tony Franken who said that 'keepers probably don't get enough credit. The 'keeper is the hardest player in the team to replace and that's why you see so many of them playing on despite all sorts of knocks and injuries.

Lou Kastner (Sunshine) bearing the wounds of battle.

My favourite is Sunshine George Cross' number one Lou Kastner because like all good 'keepers he is brave as well as talented.

Nathan Hollister
Sunshine, Vic.

RAISE THE STANDARD

It's great to learn I'm not the only one optimistic with what lies in store for soccer in 1985. Of the games I've seen this season, not one could be described as anything but entertaining.

Since the huge importation of foreign players tapered off in the late 70s, it has been hard for the local players to maintain the standard.

But now I believe the gap has been bridged and the standard of play is the best for many years. What's more, this has been achieved with players, nearly all of whom were either born here or learned their soccer in Australia.

(Newcastle Rosebud forever)
Michael Pignetti,
Merewether Heights, NSW.

SUGGESTION BOX

I recently bought your magazine at a Sydney City match. It was a first rate publication and the articles were excellent.

I would like to see more past information on the clubs plus more soccer gossip. A few more colour shots would brighten things up and it would be great to see some information on Australia's build up for World Cup '86.

Dean O'Leary,
Malabar, NSW

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Olympic Airways National Soccer League for at last putting out a magazine that gives us soccer information and good action pictures at the right price. Congratulations also to Blacktown Club for bringing to Australia the most entertaining footballer God ever put breath into. I refer, of course, to Kevin Keegan. Come back Kevin and next time we'll get the weather right for you.

R.H.S.,
Toongabbie, N.S.W.

SHORT PASSES

From Melbourne . . .

A decision by the Victorian State League leaders Croydon City to make every effort to gain promotion to the OASL has aroused interest.

Now it looks as if Footscray, Green Gully, Sunshine George Cross and maybe even Preston will be at each other's throats battling for survival.

Sunshine George Cross has added English defender Tyrone James to its squad. He has played for Fulham, Plymouth and Torquay, so there is plenty of experience to draw on.

Footscray fixed up three players from Yugoslavia: Luca Bon Bonecic, 29 of Neretva; Milenko Kikovic, 30, and Jadranko Kodjo, 24, both of Oblisc.

South Melbourne helped by giving Buljevic, who was still attached to the club as a player, a free transfer.

Green Gully, who recently bought George Campbell from Preston, are looking around for a midfielder.

Preston already has a better than competent squad, which has recently lost some of its effectiveness because of injuries to key players.

— Bob Brian

. . . and Adelaide

Adelaide City and West Adelaide are both hoping that the month of June will produce a crop of overseas imports.

City president Charlie Caruso has never been an advocate of short-term guest players, so has opted to try for permanent signings.

At Press time, Mr Caruso had Glasgow Rangers player Colin McAdam signed and was negotiating through committeeman Charlie Scalzi for Italian midfielder Nello Scarpa.

West captured Greek defender Dimitrios Ionnidis from second division club Alexandrupolis.

The tall defender was being wooed by Iraklis and Doxa, but had agreed to West's terms.

City also toyed briefly with the idea of enticing Justin Fashanu back for a third guest stint.

Fashanu declared his interest, until he remembered that City plays on Sundays.

As a born-again Christian Fashanu said his religious beliefs would not allow him to play on the Sabbath.

Scarpa displayed his cultured midfield style when he guested for Adelaide City in June last year.

City also could be boosted by the return of David Mitchell, provided the Socceroo striker gets a release from Hong Kong club Seiko.

— Allan Crisp

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AROUND THE CLUBS

Graham Heys is one of the OASL's funniest characters but even he failed to see the humorous side of Preston's ability to attract so many top class forwards. The squeeze meant Heysie lost his favoured spot on the right flank but he could have the last laugh yet. Undeterred, Graham has been polishing his defensive skills and has impressed enough to earn the odd run at fullback. Unless there are some radical injury problems or departures, the man who was once picked as a winger for England Youth could easily settle into a full-time defensive role.

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One defender who is impressing just about everybody who runs up against him is Blacktown's Martin Bourke. Said an opposing player after encountering the 18-year-old's defensive skills: "He's extremely fast, hard as nails and he uses the ball well. He's obviously good at man-on-man marking and it is easy to tell he is well respected by his team mates."

And that wrap came from a player whose side beat Blacktown in the first round!

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It's in the blood. New national training squad member Mike Petersen just might follow in the footsteps of his dad and collect a precious gold shirt. In 1959 Hans Petersen represented Australia against Heart of Midlothian when the Scottish side was touring Down Under. Mike, who needed just a few games in the Brunswick midfield to get the nod from Frank Arok, transferred from Footscray this season for $8000.

●

Both fans and players at Lambert Park enjoy the skills and goalscoring feats of Vince Colagiuri so it was with some dismay that they recently learned the Leichhardt striker had been dropped. Coach Fil Bottalico was aiming to extract greater commitment from his young charge and a spell out of the top side was the prescribed remedy. Livewire Vince soon bounced back and is currently tipped to finish top scorer for the club. That should cause some anxiety at St George where he was once an up and coming youth star.

Injuries and economic strictures put paid to Sydney Olympic's hopes of making a boom year of '85, but there is still time to make up the leeway. Meanwhile, May was a frustrating month. Heidelberg rejected early approaches to negotiate with striker Steve Winn, and Andy Stankovic (ex-Newcastle KB United) could not be secured in time to help avert a 5-0 hiding by Sydney Croatia. Hope comes in the shape of Davie Provan the former Glasgow Celtic star who has been signed for a guest stint.

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At time of writing, Olympic were still scanning the bargain basement for value buys. On their shopping list was Lake Macquarie midfielder Steve Bajzath, a talented but relatively unknown player from the Northern NSW Federation.

If his "stable" is any indication, Bajzath just might have the goods. Kerry Caban, Mike Boogaard, Howard Tredinnick, Mal McClelland, Peter Tredinnick and Craig Johnston are all fine players to have graduated from Lake Macquarie in the past decade. ■

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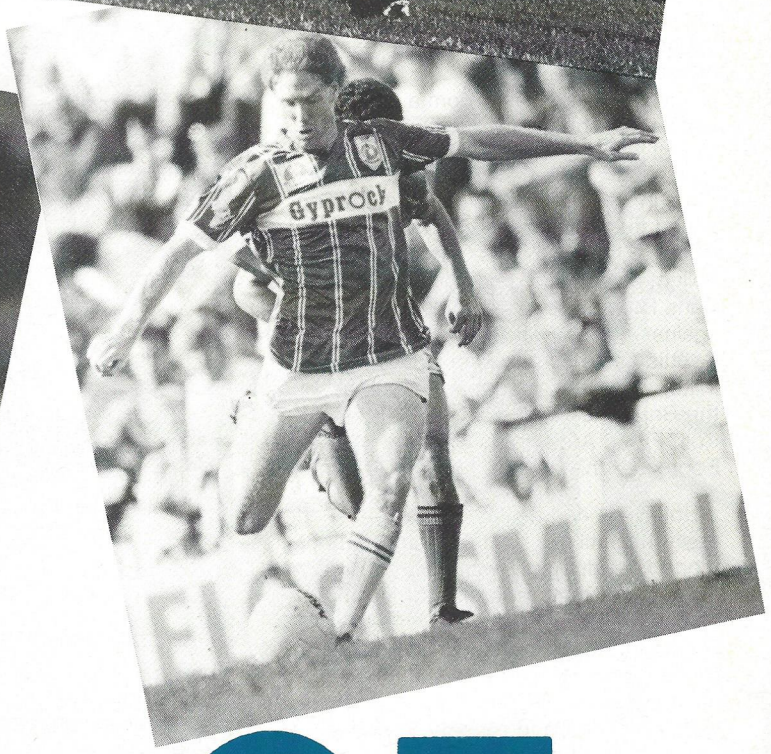
The Tom and Terry Show makes Canberra cook.

How good are the tipsters?

For a better insight as we approach halfway point of the season, NSM polled players at random to learn what they're saying in the change rooms about the championship race.

In Sydney the word is that the strength of City's defence is such that they're certain to be in there at the death. Croatia, say those who've played them are brilliant going forward but there is still a question mark over their back four. Blacktown? Well, they've benefited from one or two key signings like John Bradley but there is a suspicion that the side doesn't yet have enough quality to go all the way. Canberra have a good blend and are currently seeing the real value of striker Tommy English and a fit Terry Byrne. The big tip is 'look out for Marconi'. The Fairfielders had a diabolical injury run during April-May but are only just settling into a rhythm.

In the Southern section they're saying that South can be beat, we've still yet to see the best of Preston, Brisbane City and West Adelaide, and Brunswick's defence is every bit as good as it looks on paper. What about Melbourne Croatia? They were the best of the newcomers in '84 and are looking even better this year.



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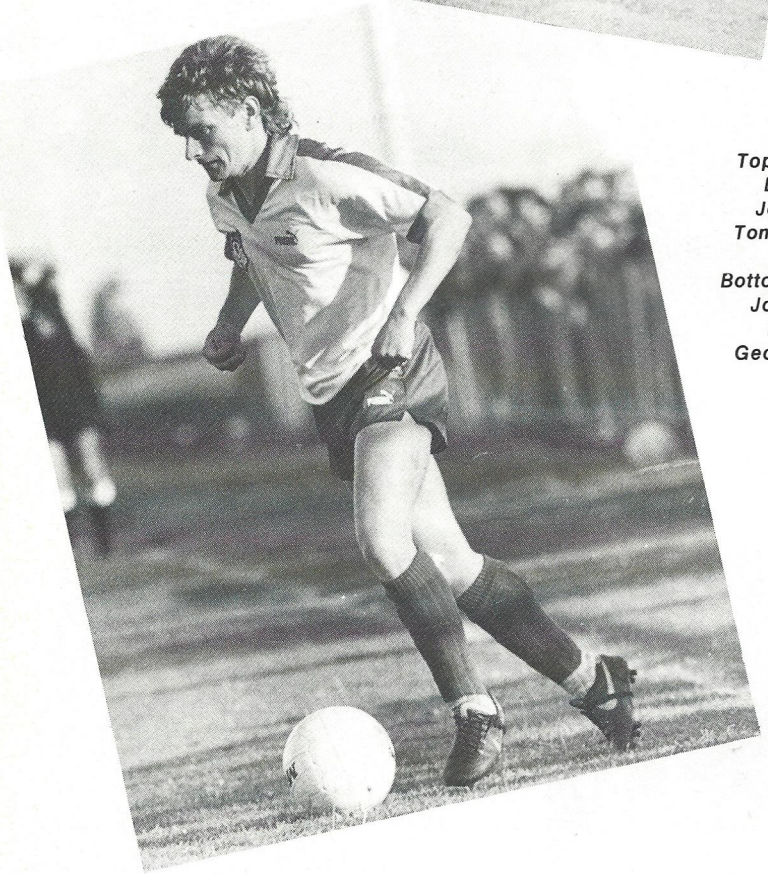


Top (left to right): David Lowe, Joe Sweeney, Tommy Cumming.

Bottom (left to right): John Kosmina, Rod Brown, George Campbell.

They come in all shapes

reports Neil Jameson

There is a guy called Alf Quill who was the greatest goalscorer Australia ever produced.

Alf, now a grandfather, netted more than 600 in a career that saw him picked for NSW and Australia and elevated to near legendary status.

He still attends Olympic Airways Soccer League games and is ever-ready to help young ambitious strikers seeking that extra bit of knowledge or technique that will elevate them to national league status.

When these young players meet the great man they are often bemused by his appearance. 'How could this quiet, kindly man of less than medium height have struck so much fear in the heart of defenders?' they ask themselves.

You see, it's a popular misconception that a top striker must be some fire-breathing giant who at the slightest provocation will bite the head off an opposing centre-back and bludgeon the 'keeper into bleating submission.

Sure, there are big strikers who use their height and weight to dominate those assigned to mark them. But, as Alf Quill will tell you, there is no prescribed size and disposition for a striker. They come in all shapes and they are bonded by that one particular talent — sticking that ball in the back of the net.

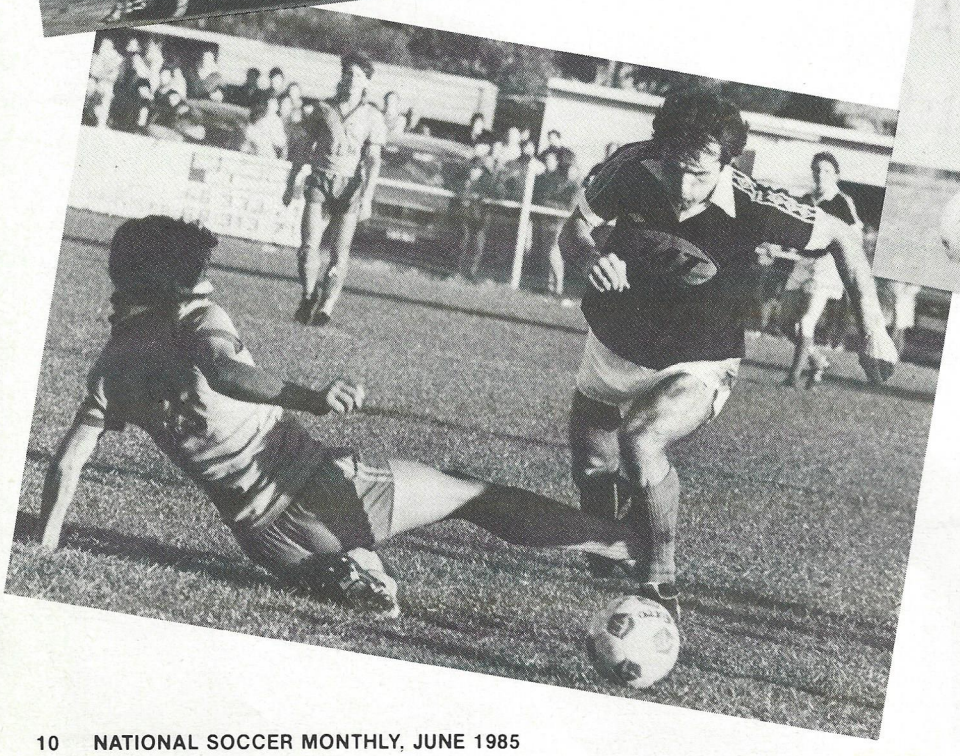
Graham Arnold, 21, has proven a clinical finisher for Northern Division pacesetters Sydney Croatia. A product of Canterbury, Arnold's ability is highly regarded by his team mates. He packs a powerful shot, is a solid toiler and has enough speed to find that extra vital yard in the box. His spot could be under threat from Eddie Krncevic, however.

Captain of club and country — that's Sydney City's **John Kosmina**. At 28 he's playing the best soccer of his career. As the country's number one striker he's the man centre backs most like to dominate. They rarely succeed. "Kossie' with 99 goals at the season's start, is second only to Gary Cole and with multiple championships (Westad, Sydney City) to his credit he is curently the most "decorated" player in the league. He's strong, ruthless, is at home scoring off the head or feet and relishes the partnership with **Frank Farina.**

At Marconi, **Rod Brown, David Lowe** and **Mark Jankovics** all rate as specialist strikers although coach Les Scheinflug is loath to use them all up front at the one time.

Brown and Lowe are both 21 and played together under Scheinflug in the 1983 National Youth team. The tall and powerfully built Brown does his best work in front of goal where he displays a deadly finishing ability. He has a thumping long range shot and is rated as heir apparent to Kosmina in the National team. He left Auburn for Bossley Park three years ago and is still improving.

Lowe was spotted by Newcastle KB



Far left (from top): Frank Farina, Stuart Stevenson, Zdravko Lujic.

Above (from top): Doug Brown, Marshall Soper.

Right (from top): Tony Brennan, John McKie, Joe Mullen.

United banging in goals for Wallsend club and Waratah High School. He won the 1982 NSL under-21 Player-of-the-Year Award before moving to Marconi in early '84. A real skill merchant, his dribbling flair and turning ability partly conceal the fact that his dad, Roy, was a professional goalkeeper in Scotland.

At season's start Jankovics, 29, had scored 92 NSL goals. A former Socceroo, the ex-St George player had a nightmare run of injuries but in this skilful Marconi attack he has rediscovered his old scoring form.

Tommy English joined Canberra from the U.K. this year and almost immediately slotted into the Olympians attack. Now 23, the former Coventry and Leicester star works well off the ball.

John Bradley scored a heap of goals as a midfielder and striker with Leichhardt before joining Blacktown this season. Coming forward he has formed a close association with **John McKie** and **Phil O'Connor.**

Leichhardt's Kerry Caban is 26 and built like an old-style centre forward — tall and strong. He put his crashing shot to good effect while topping the Northern NSW scoring tally with Lake Macquarie. Ex-Apia goalie Dave McQuire spotted Caban and recommended him to the Sydney club.

A few years before Caban was heading the Northern scoring, **Marshall Soper** was setting the pace in the Newcastle based premiership. So Marshall went to Leichhardt where he had a troubled but profitable spell before Sydney Olympic signed him for a near record transfer fee. A superb athlete he has skill, height, strength and speed and, when his mind is on the job, he is just about unstoppable. With **Chris Kalantzis** on the left, Soper is getting the service he needs.

When St George went looking for a suitable replacement for the prolific **Dez Marton,** they selected Englishman **Trevor Morgan**. His size and experience will provide a perfect foil for his dashing young offsider **Robbie Slater**.

Derek Todd was Newcastle Rosebud United's top scorer last year and might be best remembered for the solo goal that lifted the 1984 NSL Cup. He's cheeky, can turn on a five cent piece, has tremendous close skills and is one of those little guys who knows how to upset big defenders.

Tony Brennan, while with Canberra, was considered the quickest man in the NSL. His current mission is to re-settle into Inter-Monaro's front line and score enough goals to blast the club out of the relegation zone.

Originally from Marconi, Wollongong's **Domenic Giannone** is only 21, but has time on his side plus the guidance of his coach, former Socceroo Adrian Alston. He plays wide, packs a deadly shot and is not afraid to take on defenders.

Penrith coach Willie Wallace was mightily relieved when Englishman **Brian Jackson,** 24, returned to the fold this year. Jackson was one of City's best players last year and is a huge inspiration to youngsters like 19-year-old **Randell Easthorpe.**

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Top (left to right): Gary Ward, Steve Smith, Ossie Latif.

Bottom: George Konstandopoulos, Steve Winn, Andrew Zinni.

Look at this talent bank

says Les Shorrock

It's been many a season since Australian soccer was blessed with such a talented array of strikers.

Charlie Egan of South Melbourne started the season in great form, popping in eight goals in the first four rounds, and although he's slackened off somewhat since, mainly due to tight marking, he's for the moment at least put his fellow South Melbourne striker **Doug Brown** in the shade. Doug, of course was the National League's top goalscorer in the last two seasons, scoring 16 in 1983 and 22 in 1984.

Ossie Latif, for instance, who has had a new lease of life since moving to Sunshine George Cross. The brilliant Ossie scored the best individual goal ever at Olympic Park in the semi-final of the National Cup against Preston.

Two other newcomers have been making their mark too, in the shape of **Sean Lane** and **Steve Smith**, both of Preston. Preston has two more strikers in veteran **Gary Cole** and youngster **Warren Spink,** so Lane, late of Herford United has been forced to play in the midfield.

Hot on the heels of Charlie Egan comes **Stuart Stevenson,** who plays up front with **Steve Winn** and **Scott Patterson** for Heidelberg, a side blessed with an abundance of strikers.

Another player who made headlines by winning the Bill Fleming Medal is Green Gully's **Paul Lewis**. He's not at his best at the moment through a nagging injury, but capable of challenging for the top position when fit.

Juventus is happy that **Fabio Incantalupo,**once a Youth team prodigy, has shaken off the injury that kept him sidelined for twelve months and is nearing his best again. He is complemented by Scottish stalwart **Joe Sweeney** and flying machine **Andrew Zinni**.

Croatia's **Tommy Cumming** doesn't figure too prominently up front these days, he leaves that to **Gary Ward** and **Steve Gojevic.**

West Adelaide's pairing of **George Konstandopoulos** and **Gary Price** have formed a great understanding.

Adelaide City's **Peter Rankin** celebrates his 21st birthday this month (June 2) which is appropriate because he is in superb form.

When **Allan Reis** joined Brisbane City from Canberra there was little indication that he would develop into one of the most valuable signings in seasons. In company with **Luciano Fabrizio,** he is shaping to score plenty of goals.

Injury kept Brisbane Lions' talented young striker **Danny Wright** out of action for too long with the result that Gordon Lions, who rely primarily on local talent, looked to the experienced **Joe Cairney.**

With Wright, 20, back in time to make Queensland's tour of Fiji last month, things are looking brighter.

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CHARLIE'S CHARGE

Soccer defenders and administrators agree — keeping Charlie Egan quiet is no easy job.

The man whose criticism of the national team's preparation probably cancelled his Socceroo future, still stands as the player most likely to sustain South Melbourne's championship hopes.

Charlie Egan, 25, has expressed the wish that he'd rather be remembered for his on-field contribution rather than off-field controversy. And that spells grim news for rival defenders.

With renewed motivation to show everybody that he has the talent and the temperament to be Australia's most lethal striker, Egan just might turn the second half of the season into a goal-fest.

Those defenders who were once "taken to the cleaners" by the pint-sized Egan are somewhat more wary now. So much so that, after rattling off eight early goals, he has found the winter of '85 to be a fallow period.

Fortunately for South Melbourne coach Len McKendry, there is no cause for concern. Egan's skill means that he is as much a creator as he is a finisher.

Those who say he does his best work inside the box are often surprised to see him dropping back into midfield to perform a "fetch and carry" task.

When drifting wide, he looks like an orthodox winger, showing his nerve in taking on fullbacks or launching crosses into the area.

His short stature, close control and deceptiveness make him a centreback's nightmare. Many an NSL stopper has been known to blow his cool when cheeky Charlie turns him inside out enroute to scoring.

If Egan can't make the room for himself, there is always Doug Brown (NSL leading scorer '83-84) on hand to tuck away the slightest chance.

Since Charlie joined South Melbourne from Frankston he has become a crowd favourite. Socceroo problems or not, he is likely to stay that way, particularly if he helps South into their second successive grand final.

HIGH TIME FOR HEIDELBERG

In 1959 a historic meeting took place in the back room of a grocer's shop in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

The meeting resolved to found the Fitzroy United Alexander Athletic Club, backed by the Pan Macedonian Society, a collection of over 30 Greek clubs financed by Greek businessman Kirakos Papas.

Amongst the players of the first ever team fielded by the new club can be found the name of Jim Mangopoulos, then aged 14.

Jim became a leading light in the club, after a playing career which included being the club's top goalscorer one season, and rose to become president.

Now a prominent Melbourne solicitor, Mangopoulos has been an influential member of the NSL, and still sits on the League's Tribunal.

Fitzroy was champion of the Provisional League in its first season, and breezed through the Metro Third Division in 1960, the Second Division in 1961, and after winning the 1963 First Division was promoted to the State League, only to be relegated the following season.

In 1965 it won the First Division, and was promoted to the State League, but was relegated in 1968, only to bounce back once more in 1969.

This time it survived the transition and became a force to be reckoned with when it won the 1975 State League championship under coach Manny Poulakakis. Next year it slumped to fifth, and in 1977 it was a founder member of the newly-formed National (then Philips) League.

In contrast to its early days, the club has been a model of consistency in the highest League.

True, it has never won the League Championship, but the overall League table for the last eight years show it second only to Sydney City on points, having been second in '79 and '80, and second in last year's National Conference, and with only one low season, 1981, when it finished eighth.

It was also the first Victorian club to win a major honour when it carried off the 1980 Top Four title, beating Sydney City 4-0 in the Final, with Gary Cole scoring a hat-trick.

Cole, now with Preston, is still the League's top goalscorer, with 110 goals in all NSL competitions, at the start of this season. He headed the League's goalscorers in 1980 with 21 goals and again in 1981 with 16, despite Heidelberg's low finish that year.

In the club's early State League days it played at the old Fitzroy Cricket Club, but after a fire there, the ground was declared unsafe and the club moved to Olympic Park, but negotiated for a lease of an athletic ground at the site of the 1956 Olympic Village.

In 1980, aided by a loan of $200,000 from the Heidelberg Council it took the plunge and moved into the Olympic Village, changing its name to Heidelberg United.

The club has gone from strength to strength since then, and in addition to making steady progress towards paying off its loan, it has also spent $320,000 on improvements to Olympic Village, including building a new stand capable of holding 4,500.

On April 28 this year, the improved ground comfortably held the biggest crowd ever seen in Melbourne for an NSL match, 14,000, to watch the season's first Greek derby, against South Melbourne . . . a far cry from that shop meeting in 1959.

Jeff Oliver

Jeff just has to be the best goalkeeper in the country and I'm glad that it has just belatedly been recognised with his inclusion in the latest Socceroo squad. He is a perfectionist who hates to make a mistake, even at training, and he wants so badly to succeed that he never lets up. Of his own volition he persuaded the 1974 Socceroo goalkeeper Jack Reilly to come along and give him specialised training . . . that's how keen he is.

Steve Marley

Steve is playing at the top of his form and his distribution, after he has won the ball, is so immaculate that I sometimes wonder if he isn't being wasted in the full-back spot. If I had someone as good to replace him there, I'd love to try him at midfield.

Ian McKie

'Mr Consistent' I call him, like his partner on the other flank, he rarely puts a foot wrong and if he has a bad habit it is that he doesn't talk enough. He played well in the Socceroo Youth Team when he was with West Adelaide, and I can't understand why he wasn't given a go with the Socceroos after Davidson left.

Joe Angele

Joe is the big improver, in fact he was voted the most improved player in the club last season, and now that Don MacLeod has moved on to Footscray, he's our No. 1 stopper. He'll get better with experience too.

Charlie Yankos

Charlie is now an experienced, established International, very strong and composed, able to hit a good long ball and has good all round vision. If he has a fault it is that he isn't adventurous enough, I'm always asking him to go forward and finish off those excellent moves that he starts, because he has such a hard shot.

Theo Selemidis

Theo is captain and our most experienced player. He is very skilful both on the ground and in the air, sometimes I think he doesn't know how good he could be if he did more.

George Christopoulos

The type we've been looking for to be a steadying influence in our midfield. We were delighted when we got him, but his injury was a big setback, and he'll become very important when he gets match-hardened.

Mike Valentine

He was one of the 'finds' of 1984. He is two-footed, and scored four goals last season, but his biggest asset is his stamina. He can run all day and when we go for training runs he's always first home. He is very important in our set-pieces too, especially now that he has developed a long throw-in.

Steve Tasios

Steve is one of the most exciting young players to come along for a long time. He has good ball skills, and he loves to take on defenders — just what the fans like to see. When he gains enough experience to be able to make the decision when to pass or to shoot, he'll become a very dangerous forward.

John Metaxas

The 'twin' of Steve Tasios. All that I said about Steve applies equally to John. He's sharp, can play either up-front or midfield and in time will hold down a regular place.

John Gabrielson

John can play centre-back or full-back and had a bright future in front of him last year until a serious ankle injury. Just coming back to full fitness again and still regaining his confidence.

Stuart Stevenson

He has really blossomed as a striker this year. His big asset, apart from being so nippy is that he is equally good on the wing or in the middle. He worries the daylights out of slow-turning defenders in the box because he's always snapping at their heels, ready to capitalise on their mistakes. I'm always telling players that I expect more from them, but I don't have to tell Stuart, he gives you the lot, all the time.

Steve Winn

Steve was last year's top goalscorer, going through a lean patch at the moment, but I know he'll come good. When he does, look out, Steve doesn't believe in singles, he likes to score hat-tricks!

Scott Patterson

Scott is a fast, young, well-built, and aggressive, what more can you want in a striker. If he

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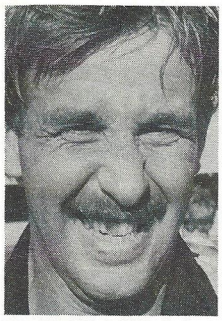
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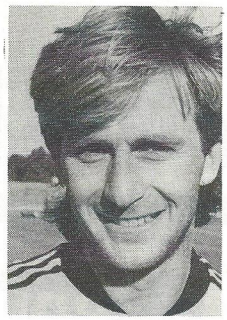
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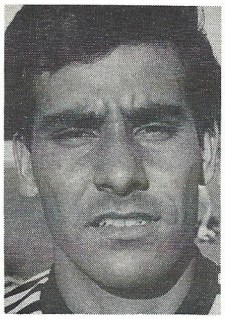
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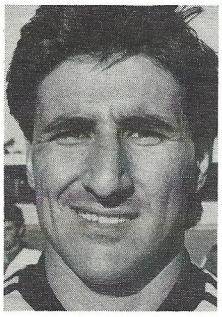
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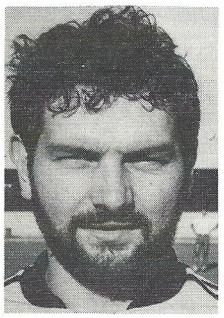
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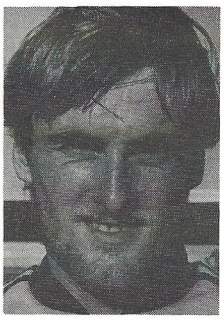
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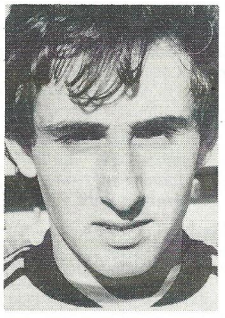
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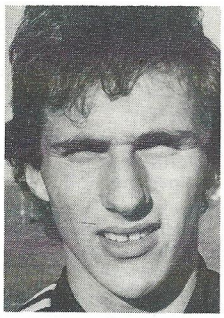
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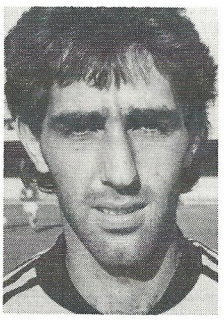
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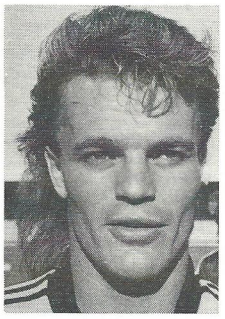
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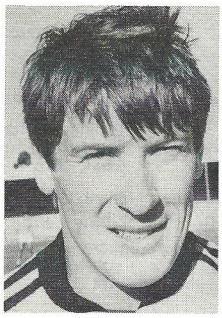
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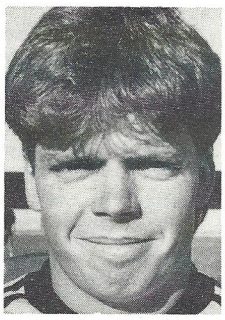
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has a fault it's a certain lack of confidence that makes him drop his head when he has a bad patch, but he'll get over that.

Nick Deligiannis

He is a promising young striker who has all the necessary attributes. His turn will come, but the team has been performing so well apart from the odd hiccup, that I haven't been able to find room for him yet.

Brian Garvey, the Victorian Soccer Press Association's choice as Coach of the Year in 1984, slipped quietly into Victorian soccer just 16 months ago, as Heidelberg readied itself for the Buffalo Summer Cup.

Fortunately for him, as he now admits, he knew nothing about the Bergers' players, which was just as well, because most were missing when he came to pick the team for the first Cup match. Charlie Yankos was trialling with Brighton in England, Don MacLeod was suspended, and Jeff Olver, Jim Campbell and Gary Cole were all in dispute. The previous season's top goalscorer, Derek Lea, who had scored 11 goals had returned to Scotland.

Unperturbed, Garvey picked a team that had Heidelberg supporters wondering whether they had turned up at the wrong game.

Only Ian McKie, John Spanos and Theo Selemidis were regular first-teamers. The fans were left wondering who might Pashalis Tzintzis, Robert Krajacic, Theo Vagias, Tiger Amanatidis, John Metaxas and Marcelo Salvo be. They needn't have worried, the kids did Garvey proud with an unlucky draw against Brunswick Juventus and then two more draws before bowing out of the competition.

"I'm not as naive now as I was then," says Garvey, "otherwise I would have been worried sick. But as far as I was concerned at the time, one player was as good as another."

Before coming to Australia, Brian Garvey had a 15-year professional career with Hull City, Watford and Colchester proceeded by a stint at non-League Bedford Town as player-manager. After that, it was jobs on the coaching staff of Arsenal and Wolves as well as assisting England Youth coach John Cartwright.

It was an impressive background for a newcomer, and once all the contractual problems with the players were settled, and Garvey got to know his senior staff, Heidelberg started to move impressively up the table. They were never out of the top five, finishing second to perennial rivals South Melbourne.

In the play-off Garvey was mortified to see his team beaten by South as a result of Charlie Yankos' send-off early in the second half.

"I thought we had them on the ropes at half-time," says Garvey. "We were leading 2-1 and looking the better side, and as we went down the tunnel for the start of the second half, I said to the players, 'Keep your cool, don't do anything silly and we'll be through to the Grand Final'.

"I could hardly believe my eyes as Charlie fouled Oscar Crino and referee Doug Rennie sent him off."

But notwithstanding the team's failure to reach the Grand Final Garvey 'the quiet achiever', had done a remarkable job. He had lifted Heidelberg from its sixth position in 1983 to runner-up in 1984, and had moulded an almost new team in the process. The team that played in the National Conference Final bore only a passing resemblance to the one that played in the first Summer Cup round.

So what can the 'Berger fans look forward to in 1985?

"They want us to finish on top, of course," says Garvey.

"But they have to realise that it is easier to climb from sixth to second, as we did last year, then it is to climb from second to top."

As South coach Len McKendry said in the April issue of NSM, the hardest task facing the players is living up to the previous year's performance.

"We have a very young squad, in fact our two oldest players are 24, and most of the others are teenagers. With a tiny squad of only 15, they all have to learn to be consistent.

"They've had a taste of success already in winning the Summer Cup, now they have to learn to play up to that standard week in and week out."

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SCORES & TABLES

ROUND 8

Northern Division

28th April

INTER MONARO.....(2) 3
Dragicevic (2), Giampaolo
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 1
Kalantzis

Seiffert Oval — 822

Inter Monaro: Hoszwoski, Budini, Dachs (Gagetti), Santolin, Walsh, Willox, Ambrosine, Carbone, Dragicevic (Brennan), Giampaolo, Thamnidis.

Sydney Olympic: Londos, Haniotis (Polias), Lampropoulos, Rogers, Jennings, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Svinos, Kalantzis, Johnston, Soper.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1) 2
Keegan, McKie
CANBERRA CITY.....(2) 3
Pointer (O.G.), Byrne, Lamond

Gabbie Stadium — 3,458

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern (Daley), Wheatley, Pointer, Bourke, Selvage, Thornthwaite (Knight), Bradley, Keegan, McKie, O'Connor.

Canberra City: Franken, Ontong, Harkins, Byrne, Dunn, Mihailidis, Bryant, Sermanni, Phillips (Gibson), English, Lamond.

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0) 2
Arnold, Patikas
PENRITH CITY.....(2) 2
Licata, Hunter

Marconi Stadium — 2,498

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, Rezo, Rozic, Vidaic, Basic, M. Kovacic, Patikas, Odzakov, Dragicevic (Clinch), Arnold, Jurin.

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Campbell, Ainsworth, Cross, Wotherspoon, Hebb, Jackson, Hunter, Easthorpe, Licata.

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 1
Willis
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 2
Owens, Todd

Wollongong Showground — 502

Wollongong City: Billington, Green, Dickson, Willis, Gaffney, Bundalo, Kotamanidis, Godzik, Giannone (Ruskin), Hristovski, Marton.

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Meier, Owens, Boogaard, M. Jones, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Milosevic, Kerby.

The following games were postponed and will be played at a later date:

LEICHHARDT v ST. GEORGE

SYDNEY CITY v MARCONI

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ROUND 8

Southern Division

28th April

ADELAIDE CITY.....(1) 1
Costanzo
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 1
Hunter

Olympic Sports Field — 1,156

Adelaide City: McNally, Donnelly, Flounders, Nyskohus, Cecere, Melta, Santrac, Villani (Mullen), Maxwell, Costanzo, Rankin.

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, Hunter, T. Redmond, Niven, Anderson, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Cairney (McGregor), Wright.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 2
Ward, Biskic
PRESTON.....(0) 0

Olympic Park No. 1 — 2,492

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, Parton, Antolovic, Hannah, Biskic, Cumming, Campbell, Gojevic, Markovac (House), Ward.

Preston: Traianedes, McMillan, Dunn (Heys), Dobson, Opasinis, Ilioski, Flavell, Lane, Cole, Smith (Gagic), Spink.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 0
BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(0) 0

Chaplin Reserve — 2,706

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Campelj, Taylor, Richardson, Mitten, McLaren, Faulkner, Bain, Toal (Lennon), Gilder, Latif.

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Campbell, Cullen, Miranda, Petersen, Wade, Zinni, Sweeney.

FOOTSCRAY.....(2) 2
Tapai, Lazopoulos
WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 1
Konstandopoulos

Schintler Reserve — 598

Footscray: Boland, Kyriakouleas, Karic, MacLeod, O'Donnell, Taseski, Belic, Tapai, Lazopoulos, Carroll, Lujic.

West Adelaide: Crook, Hiern, Brown, Honeyman, Scott, McGregor, Genikas, Atsalas (Matiscsak), Konstandopoulos, Price (Stefanopoulos), Panagis.

HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0) 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 1
Brown

Olympic Village — 11,947

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Yankos, Angele, Marley, Selemidis, Christopoulos, Valentine (Tasios), Stevenson, Winn (Metaxas), Patterson.

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Yzendoorn, Blair, Postecoglou, McDowell, Halford, Crino, Murphy, Brown, Egan.

BRISBANE CITY.....(1) 3
Reis (2), Hamilton
GREEN GULLY.....(0) 0

Spencer Park — 1,372

Brisbane City: Wishart, Mengotti, Wilkinson, Milovanovic, Bromfield, Junna, Hamilton, Fabrizio, Glockner, Reis (Scriggins), Lettieri (Carey).

Green Gully: Denys, Young, McLelland, Murray (Cannell), Williams, Hogben (Krajacic), Smallman, Lloyd, Campbell, Lewis, Lucchesi.

ROUND 9

Northern Division

4th May

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(0) 1
Todd
SYDNEY CITY.....(1) 1
Farina

Adamstown Oval — 1,693

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boogard, Thompson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Kerby, Stewart (Milosevic), Todd, D. Jones.

Sydney City: Pezzano, Rodrigues (K. Falconer), O'Connor, Robertson, Cant, Gomez, Watson, De Marigny, Farina (P. Falconer), Lee, Fletcher.

5th May

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 0
PENRITH CITY.....(1) 1
Ainsworth

Pratten Park — 3,154

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Ziras, Lampropoulos (Dakos), Svinos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Jennings, Patalis, Koussas (Johnston), Kalantzis.

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Ainsworth, Campbell, Cross, Toohey, Herb (Easthorpe), Jackson, Hunter, Jones, Licata (Shute).

CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 0
LEICHHARDT.....(0) 0

National Sports Centre — 1,378

Canberra City: Franken, Ontong, Harkins, Byrne, Mihailidis, Bryant, Sermanni, Dunn, English (Farrell), Phillips (Gibson), Lamond.

Leichhardt: Catlin, Rowden, Mariani, Brown, Bertogna, Butler, Hamilton, McCulloch, De Ceglie (Colagiuri), Caban, Morsello.

ST. GEORGE.....(0) 1
Bozanic
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(1) 1
Hristovski

St. George Stadium — 939

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Green, Bozanic (Petkovski), Stone, J. O'Shea, Slater, Koczka (Cotton), Morgan.

Wollongong City: Billington, Green, Willis, Dickson, Matias (Condran), Godzik, Kotamanidis, Hristovski, Bundalo (Kerr), Brodnik, Giannone.

MARCONI.....(2) 4
Gray (2), Jankovics, Lowe
INTER MONARO.....(0) 1
Giampaolo

Marconi Stadium — 14,220

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Sterry, Mason (Driene), Gray, Tredinnick, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics (Gunning).

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Budini (Domazetovic), Santolin, A. Ambrosino, Gagetti, C. Ambrosino, Carbone, Walsh, Brennan (Monterosso), Giampaolo, Thamnides.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1) 1
McKie
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0) 1
Odzakov

Marconi Stadium — 14,220

Blacktown City: Hoare, Bourke, Wheatley, Daley, Rasmussen (Skellern), Selvage, Knight, Keegan, Bradley, McKie, O'Connor.

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, Basic, Vidaic, Rozic, Rezo, Clinch (Tomasich), Odzakov, M. Kovacic, Jurin, Arnold, Patikas.

ROUND 9

Southern Division

4th May

GREEN GULLY.....(1) 1
Lucchesi
WEST ADELAIDE.....(1) 1
Scott

Green Gully — 514

Green Gully: Denys, Young, Williams, McLelland, Hogben, Smart, Lloyd, Vassallo, Campbell, Lucchesi, Lewis.

West Adelaide: Crook, Honeyman, Hiern, Brown, McGregor, Atsalas, Genikas, Panagis, Scott, Konstandopoulos, Price (Stefanopoulos).

5th May

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 1
T. Redmond
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 0

Richlands — 639

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, Hunter, T. Redmond, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, McDonagh (Daunt), Wright, P. Redmond.

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Campelj (James), Bennett, Richardson, Taylor, Faulkner, Istuk (Lennon), Bain, MacLaren, Mitten, Gilder.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0) 1
Crino
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(2) 2
Campbell, Gojevic

Middle Park — 4,973

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Yzendoorn, Postecoglou, Kanesoulis, Crino, Halford, Kologeros, Brown, Egan.

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Antolovic, Parton, Hannah, Deankovic, Biskic, Campbell (House), Gojevic, Cumming, Markovac (Jurcic), Ward.

BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(1) 2
Wadem Incantalupo
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0) 0

Olympic Park No. 2 — 2,443

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Campbell, Wade, Miranda, Petersen, Incantalupo, Cullen, Sweeney.

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Christopoulos, Yankos, Marley, Metaxas, Selemidis, Tasios, Winn (Gabrielson), Patterson (Valentine), Stevenson.

PRESTON.....(1) 3
Smith, Cole, Gagic
BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 0

Connor Reserve — 1,011

Preston: Traianedes, Heys, Piculovski, McMillan, Opasinis, Lane, Flavell, Ilioska, Cole, Smith, Spink (Gagic).

Brisbane City: Wishart, Mengott, Milovanovic, Wilkinson, Bromfield, Fabrizio, Hamilton, Junna, Lettieri (Carey), Glockner (Scriggins), Reis.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 2
Northcote (2)
FOOTSCRAY.....(1) 1
Lujic

Olympic Sports Field — 1,779

Adelaide City: McNally, Donnelly, Nyskohus, Flounders, Cecere, Melta, Northcote, Villani, Maxwell, Costanzo (Mullen), Rankin.

Footscray: Boland, Karic, MacLeod, Kyriakouleas, O'Donnell, Belic, Taseski (Barjaktarevic), Lazopoulos (Petrov), Carroll, Tapai, Lujic.

ROUND 10

Northern Division

12th May

PENRITH CITY.....(1) 1
Jones
MARCONI.....(2) 3
Gunning, Jankovics (2)

Cook Park — 593

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Ainsworth, Campbell, Cross, Hunter, Toohey (Licata), Wotherspoon, Easthorpe, Jackson, Jones.

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Sterrey, Mason, Gray, Tredinnick, Brown, Jankovics, Gunning (Driene).

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1) 5
Arnold (2), Patikas (2), Dragicevic
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 0

Croatian Sports Centre — 10,281

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic, Basic, Rozic, Rezo, Jurin, Vidaic, Odzakov, Patikas, Arnold, Dragicevic.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Johnston, Ziras, Dakos, Jennings, Rogers, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Patalis, Koussas, Kalantzis (Svinos).

SYDNEY CITY.....(0) 1
Gomez
ST. GEORGE.....(0) 0

Sydney Athletic Field — 1,380

Sydney City: Pezzano, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny (K. Falconer), Gomez, Watson, Barnes, Farina, Kosmina, Fletcher (Lees).

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Koczka, J. O'Shea, Stone (Petkovski), Bozanic (Ricoy), Slater, Morgan, Cotton.

INTER MONARO.....(1) 1
Thamnides
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(2) 2
Kerby, Owens

Seiffert Oval — 982

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Walsh, Budini, Dachs, Gagetti (D'Addario), Willox, Carbone, Djordjieski (Dometzetovic), Thamnides, Giampaolo, Monterosso.

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Thompson, Boogard, Owens, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Kerby, Todd, Milosevic.

LEICHHARDT.....(0) 0
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1) 3
Rowden (O.G.), O'Connor, Bradley

Lambert Park — 1,2444

Leichhardt: Parks, Spina, Rowden, Mariani, Brown, McCulloch, Hamilton, Butler, Colagiuri (Genovese), Caban, Morsello (De Ceglie).

Blacktown City: Hoare, Bourke, Wheatley, Daley, Rasmussen (Skellern), Knight, Thornthwaite, Selvage, Bradley, McKie, O'Connor.

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 0
CANBERRA CITY.....(0) 2
English (2)

Wollongong Showground — 686

Wollongong City: Billington, Green, Dickson, Willis, Condran (Kerr), Godzik, Hristovski (Gaffney), Bundalo, Kotamanidis, Brodnik, Giannone.

Canberra City: Franken, Ontong, Byrne, Dunn, Farrell, Mihailidis, Sermanni, Lamond (Perinovic), Phillips, English, Gibson.

ROUND 10

Southern Division

12th May

WEST ADELAIDE.....(1) 3
Price (2), Scott
PRESTON.....(1) 1
Cole

Hindmarsh Stadium — 1,643

Green Gully: Crook, McGregor, Honeyman, Brown, Hiern, Scott, Atsalas, Manou, Panagis, Price, Konstandopoulos.

Preston: Traianedes, Heys, McMillan, Piculovski (Petrov), Petrovski (Gagic), Dunn, Ilioski, Lane, Smith, Spink, Cole.

FOOTSCRAY.....(1) 1
Lujic
GREEN GULLY.....(0) 0

Schintler Reserve — 1,509

Footscray: Boland, Kyriakouleas, Karic, MacLeod, Barjaktarevic, Tapai, Curovic, Buljevic, Belic, Carroll, Lujic.

Green Gully: Denys, Young, Williams, McLelland, Hogben, Smart, Lloyd, Cannell, Campbell, Lewis (Vassallo), Lucchesi.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 0
BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(0) 1
Petersen

Olympic Park No. 1 — 2,714

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Antolovic, Parton, Hannah (Jurcic), Deankovic, Biskic, Campbell, Cumming, Gojevic, Ward, House (Curcio).

Brunswick United Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Dowie, Brown, Campbell, Wade, Miranda, Petersen, Incantalupo, Cullen (Zinni), Sweeney.

BRISBANE CITY.....(0) 2
Fabrizio, Reis
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 1
Brown

Spencer Park 2 — 1,613

Brisbane City: Wishart, Junna, Mengotti, Wilkinson, Bromfield, Hamilton, Pimblett, Fabrizio, Lettieri (Glockner), Scriggins, Reis.

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, McDowell, Blair, Murphy, Postecoglou, Bozinovski, Halford, Crino, Egan, Brown.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0) 1
Mitten
ADELAIDE CITY.....(1) 2
Rankin, Santrac

Chaplin Reserve — 1,499

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, Bennett, James, Richardson, Bain, Fawkner (Lennon), McLaren, Taylor, Mitten, Gilder, Latif.

Adelaide City: McNally, Melta, Flounders, Nyskohus, Cecere, Villani, Santrac, Northcote, Maxwell, Rankin, Mullen.

HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(1) 2
Valentine, Tasios
BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 0

Olympic Village — 1,122

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Angele, Yankos, Marley, Tasios, Christopoulos, Metaxas, Selemidis, Stevenson (Winn), Valentine.

Brisbane Lions: Evans, McSkimming, Hunter, T. Redmond (Vasquez), Niven, R. Stewart (Anderson), J. Stewart, Eden, P. Redmond, Daunt, Wright.

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PETER TREDINNICK
MARCONI

STAR SPOT

Full name: Peter Tredinnick

Birthplace and date: Cronulla, NSW, 6/1/60.

Height and weight: 5' 7", 10½ stone.

Position: Midfield.

Occupation: Law student.

Home: Burwood, Sydney.

Car: Toyota Corona.

Favourite current player(s): Terry Butler, David Lowe, Zarko Odzarkov, Graham Jennings.

Ambitions for 1985: Help Marconi win League.

Long term ambitions: Play to my potential, become successful in my profession.

After soccer career is over: Become involved in sports law.

Previous clubs: Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Wollongong, Leichhardt.

Nickname: Tred.

Teams you supported as a boy: Leeds, St. George.

Most memorable match: Australia Youth v Paraguay before 65,000 people. We lost but I played well.

Biggest thrill: Representing Australia at different levels.

Biggest disappointment: Continually missing out on Socceroo selection.

Superstitions: Always put boots on exactly 10 minutes before we go out.

International or other honours: Australia Youth '78-79, Socceroos 1983. Most talented player National Youth Championship 1976.

Favourite other sports persons: Greg Norman, John McEnroe.

Favourite other sport: Golf.

Hobbies: Golf, spearfishing, music.

Favourite actor(s): Robert de Niro.

Favourite TV show: Minder, Fawlty Towers.

Favourite musician: Bruce Springsteen.

Biggest influence on career: Father and Willie Gallagher.

ROUND 11

Northern Division

18th May

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED.....(1) 1
McQuarrie
PENRITH CITY.....(0) 1
Owens (O.G.)

Adamstown Oval — 1,672

Newcastle Rosebud United: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boogaard, Thompson, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Milosevic (Stewart), Kerby.

Penrith City: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, Campbell, Wotherspoon, Hunter, Hebb, Easthorpe (Licata), Jackson, Jones.

19th May

LEICHHARDT.....(1) 1
Butler
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1) 3
Clinch, Rowden (O.G.), Patikas

Lambert Park — 5,024

Leichhardt: Parks, Tredinnick (Spina), Rowden, Mariani, Brown, Bertogna, McCulloch, Butler, Colagiuri, Genovese, De Ceglie.

Sydney Croatia: Woodhouse, M. Kovacic (Tomasic), Rozic, Vidaic, Basic, Rezo, Patikas (Caleta), Odzakov, Clinch, Dragicevic, Arnold.

MARCONI.....(0) 0
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0) 0

Marconi Stadium — 2,434

Marconi: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Gray, Lowe (Gunning), Brown, Jankovics, Tredinnick.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Johnston, Jennings, Ziras, Rogers, Phillips (Svinos), Raskopoulos, Soper, Koussas, Patalis, Stankovic.

ST. GEORGE.....(0) 1
Morgan
INTER MONARO.....(0) 1
Walsh

St. George Stadium — 1,016

St. George: Greedy, Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Green, Bozanic (Petkovski), J. O'Shea, Ricoy, Slater, Morgan, Cotton.

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Walsh, Santolin, Titilas, Williams, Willox, Carbone, A. Ambrosino, Brennan, Giampaolo, D'Addario (Thamnidis, Djordjieski).

CANBERA CITY.....(1) 1
Sermanni
SYDNEY CITY.....(3) 3
Lee, Farina, Kosmina

National Sports Centre — 1,016

Canberra City: Franken, Ontong, Harkins (Farrell), Mihailidis, Byrne, Dunn, Phillips, Sermanni, Bryant, Perinovic (Lamond), English.

Sydney City: Pezzano, K. Falconer, Robertson, Gomez, Cant, Lee, Watson, Barnes, Kosmina, Farina, Fletcher (Foxman).

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(2) 3
O'Connor (2), McKie
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0) 0

Gabbie Stadium — 825

Blacktown City: Hoare, Skellern, Bourke, Daky, Rasmussen, Thornthwaite, Selvage, Knight, Bradley, McKie (Larkin), O'Connor.

Wollongong City: Billington, Kotamanidis, Gaffney, Willis, Dickson, Godzik (Condran), Bundalo, Hristovski, Kerr, Green, Giannone.

NORTHERN DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Syd. Croatia**	10	7	2	1	26	11	16
2. **Syd. City**	10	7	1	2	22	11	15
3. **Marconi**	10	5	4	1	23	14	14
4. **Blacktown**	11	6	2	3	19	10	14
5. **Canberra City**	11	4	4	3	17	15	12
6. **Penrith City**	10	3	3	4	12	12	9
7. **Leichhardt**	10	4	1	5	15	17	9
8. **Syd. Olympic**	11	4	1	6	8	15	9
9. **St. George**	10	2	4	4	8	9	8
10. **Newcastle**	10	2	4	4	11	18	8
11. **Inter Monaro**	11	2	1	8	14	27	5
12. **Wollongong**	10	2	1	7	13	29	5

Southern Division

19th May

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(2) 2
Curovic (O.G.), Bain
FOOTSCRAY.....(1) 1
Belic

Chaplin Reserve — 1,937

Sunshine George Cross: Kastner, James (Campelj), Taylor, Bennett, Richardson, Faulkner, Lennon, Mitten, Gilder, McLaren, Bain.

Footscray: Boland, Karic, Barjaktarevic, Kyriakouleas, MacLeod, Belic, Curovic, Tapai, Carroll (Paton), Buljevic, Lujic.

PRESTON.....(0) 0
GREEN GULLY.....(1) 1
Lucchesi

Connor Reserve — 986

Preston: Traianides, Cole, McMillan, Ilioski (Petrov), Dobson, Dunn, Heys, Flavell, Lane, Smith, Spink.

Green Gully: Denys, Young, Hogben, McLelland, Cannell, Campbell, Lewis, Vassallo, Lloyd, Lucchesi, Williams.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(1) 4
Murphy (2), Halford, Crino
WEST ADELAIDE.....(0) 2
Prince, Honeyman

Middle Park — 2,987

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Blair, McDowell, Postecoglou, Bozinovski, Halford, Crino, Murphy, Brown, Egan.

West Adelaide: Crook, Hiern, Brown, Honeyman, McGregor, Genikas, Manou, Atsalas, Scott, Price, Konstandopoulos.

BRUNSWICK UNITED JUVENTUS.....(3) 5
Sweeney (3), Petersen, Wade
BRISBANE CITY.....(1) 4
Hamilton (2), Scriggins, Glockner

Olympic Park No. 2 — 1,243

Brunswick United Juventus: Keogh, Petersen, Lewis, Brown, Incantalupo, Wade, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney, Dowie, Campbell.

Brisbane City: Wishart, Fabrizio, Bromfield, Wilkinson, Milovanovic, Mengotti, Lettieri (Junna), Scriggins (Glockner), Pimblett, Hamilton, Reis.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0) 0
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0) 1
Ward

Richlands — 1,579

Brisbane Lions: Evans, Jackson, T. Redmond, Vasquez (Bassingthwaite), Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Wright, Daunt, P. Redmond.

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Campbell, Parton, Markovac, Hannah, Antolovic, Deankovic, Curcio, Ward, Cumming.

ADELAIDE CITY.....(0) 0
HEIDELBERG UNITED.....(0) 1
Stevenson

Olympic Sports Field — 1,623

Adelaide City: McNally, Santrac, Cecere (Donnelley), Nyskohus, Tobin, Melta, Northcote, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Rankin (Costanza).

Heidelberg United: Olver, McKie, Marley, Angele, Christopoulos, Valentine, Selemidis, Tasios, Metaxas (Patterson), Yankos, Stevenson.

SOUTHERN DIVISION POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Brunswick U.J.**	11	6	4	1	18	11	16
2. **Melb. Croatia**	11	6	3	2	14	5	15
3. **South Melb.**	11	6	3	2	20	14	15
4. **H'berg Utd.**	11	6	2	3	17	9	14
5. **Brisbane Lions**	11	4	3	4	7	8	11
6. **Brisbane City**	11	4	2	5	17	18	10
7. **Green Gully**	11	3	4	4	11	12	10
8. **Preston**	11	4	2	5	15	17	10
9. **Sunshine G.C.**	11	3	4	4	9	11	10
10. **West Adelaide**	11	3	3	5	13	16	9
11. **Adelaide City**	11	2	4	5	13	20	8
12. **Footscray**	11	2	0	9	10	23	4

Brunswick's Blackbirds have plenty to cheer about in Round 11.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 8

Northern Division

25th April
Syd. City.....P v A.I.S. .....P

27th April
A.I.S. .....5 v Blacktown City.....1

28th April
Blacktown City.....P v Canberra City.....P
Leichhardt.....P v St. George.....P
Wollongong City.....P v Newcastle.....P
Syd. City.....P v Marconi .....P
Syd. Croatia.....P v Penrith City.....P
Inter Monaro.....3 v Syd. Olympic.....1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Canberra City**	7	6	1	0	18	8	13
2. **Sydney City**	7	5	2	0	23	2	12
3. **St. George**	8	4	2	2	16	15	10
4. **A.I.S.**	7	3	3	1	20	14	9
5. **Newcastle**	7	4	1	2	12	8	9
6. **Leichhardt**	7	3	2	2	10	7	8
7. **Wollongong**	7	4	0	3	14	12	8
8. **Blacktown City**	8	3	1	4	13	16	7
9. **Syd. Croatia**	8	2	2	4	14	16	6
10. **Marconi**	7	1	3	3	12	14	5
11. **Syd. Olympic**	9	1	3	5	8	18	5
12. **Inter Monaro**	9	2	1	6	13	27	5
13. **Penrith City**	9	1	1	7	10	26	3

Southern Division

28th April
Fawkner .....0 v Nunawading City.....0
Sunshine G.C.....1 v Brunswick U.J.....1
Heidelberg Utd.....1 v South Melbourne.....3
Melbourne Croatia.....2 v Preston.....2
Croydon City.....0 v Green Gully.....3
Footscray .....4 v Frankston Pines.....0

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **H'berg Utd.**	8	6	0	2	35	11	12
2. **Preston**	8	5	2	1	25	11	12
3. **Brunswick U.J.**	8	4	3	1	27	14	11
4. **Footscray**	8	5	0	3	18	11	10
5. **Melb. Croatia**	8	4	2	2	15	8	10
6. **South Melb.**	8	4	2	2	17	13	10
7. **Green Gully**	8	4	1	3	20	9	9
8. **Sunshine G.C.**	8	3	2	3	18	11	8
9. **Fawkner**	8	2	2	4	10	23	6
10. **Nunawading**	8	1	2	5	4	16	4
11. **Croydon City**	8	1	0	7	3	32	2
12. **Frankston P.**	8	1	0	7	7	38	2

ROUND 9

Northern Division

4th May
Newcastle.....P v Syd. City.....P

5th May
Canberra City.....2 v Leichhardt.....2
Syd. Olympic.....3 v Penrith City.....5
St. George.....P v Wollongong City.....P
Marconi .....P v Inter Monaro.....P
Blacktown City.....P v Syd. Croatia.....P

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Canberra City**	8	6	2	0	20	10	14
2. **Sydney City**	7	5	2	0	23	2	12
3. **St. George**	8	4	2	2	16	15	10
4. **A.I.S.**	7	3	3	1	20	14	9
5. **Newcastle**	7	4	1	2	12	8	9
6. **Leichhardt**	8	3	2	2	12	9	9
7. **Wollongong**	7	4	0	3	14	12	8
8. **Blacktown City**	8	3	1	4	13	16	7
9. **Syd. Croatia**	8	2	2	4	14	16	6
10. **Marconi**	7	1	3	3	12	14	5
11. **Syd. Olympic**	10	1	3	6	11	23	5
12. **Penrith City**	10	2	1	7	15	29	5
13. **Inter Monaro**	9	2	1	6	13	27	5

Southern Division

4th May
Green Gully.....7 v Frankston Pines.....0

5th May
Nunawading City.....1 v Sunshine G.C.....1
South Melbourne.....1 v Melbourne Croatia.....0
Brunswick U.J.....3 v Heidelberg Utd.....0
Preston.....2 v Croydon City.....0
Fawkner .....0 v Footscray 3

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Preston**	9	6	2	1	27	11	14
2. **Brunswick U.J.**	9	5	3	1	30	14	13
3. **H'berg Utd.**	9	6	0	3	33	14	12
4. **Footscray**	9	6	0	3	21	11	12
5. **South Melb.**	9	5	2	2	18	13	12
6. **Green Gully**	9	5	1	3	27	9	11
7. **Melb. Croatia**	9	4	2	3	15	9	10
8. **Sunshine G.C.**	9	3	3	3	19	12	9
9. **Fawkner**	9	2	2	5	10	26	6
10. **Nunawading**	9	1	3	5	5	17	5
11. **Croydon City**	9	1	0	8	3	34	2
12. **Frankston P.**	9	1	0	8	7	45	2

ROUND 10

Northern Division

11th May
A.I.S. ..... 1 v Wollongong City.....2

12th May
Penrith City.....1 v Marconi 0
Syd. Croatia.....1 v Syd. Olympic.....1
Syd. City.....1 v St. George.....2
Inter Monaro.....1 v Newcastle.....0
Leichhardt.....2 v Blacktown City.....0
Wollongong City.....1 v Canberra City.....0

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Canberra City**	9	6	2	1	20	11	14
2. **Sydney City**	8	5	2	1	24	4	12
3. **Wollongong**	9	6	0	3	17	13	12
4. **St. George**	9	5	2	2	18	16	12
5. **Leichhardt**	9	4	3	2	14	9	11
6. **A.I.S.**	8	3	2	2	21	16	9
7. **Newcastle**	8	4	1	3	12	9	9
8. **Syd. Croatia**	9	2	3	4	15	17	7
9. **Blacktown City**	9	3	1	5	13	18	7
10. **Penrith City**	11	3	1	7	16	29	7
11. **Inter Monaro**	10	3	1	6	14	27	7
12. **Syd. Olympic**	11	1	4	6	12	24	6
13. **Marconi**	8	1	3	4	12	15	5

Southern Division

12th May
Frankston Pines.....3 v Preston.....3
Footscray .....2 v Green Gully.....1
Melbourne Croatia.....1 v Brunswick U.J.....1
Croydon City.....0 v South Melbourne.....1
Sunshine G.C.....6 v Fawkner 1
Heidelberg Utd.....5 v Nunawading City.....1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Preston**	10	6	3	1	30	14	15
2. **H'berg Utd.**	10	7	0	3	38	15	14
3. **Brunswick U.J.**	10	5	4	1	31	15	14
4. **Footscray**	10	7	0	3	23	12	14
5. **South Melb.**	10	6	2	2	19	13	14
6. **Green Gully**	10	5	1	4	28	11	11
7. **Sunshine G.C.**	10	4	3	3	25	13	11
8. **Melb. Croatia**	10	4	3	3	16	10	11
9. **Fawkner**	10	2	2	6	11	32	6
10. **Nunawading**	10	1	3	6	6	22	5
11. **Frankston P.**	10	1	1	8	10	48	3
12. **Croydon City**	10	1	0	9	3	35	2

ROUND 11

Northern Division

18th May
Newcastle.....1 v Penrith City.....0

19th May
Leichhardt.....3 v Syd. Croatia.....2
Marconi .....2 v Syd. Olympic.....2
St. George.....1 v Inter Monaro.....2
Blacktown City.....2 v Wollongong City.....3
Canberra City.....3 v Syd.....2

22nd May: Deferred Round 8 matches
Wollongong City.....3 v Newcastle.....1
Syd. Croatia.....1 v Penrith City.....1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **Canberra City**	10	7	2	1	23	13	16
2. **Wollongong**	11	8	0	3	23	16	6
3. **Leichhardt**	10	5	3	2	17	11	13
4. **Syd. City**	9	5	2	2	26	7	12
5. **St. George**	10	5	2	3	19	18	12
6. **Newcastle.**	10	5	1	4	14	12	11
7. **A.I.S.**	8	3	3	2	21	16	9
8. **Inter Monaro**	11	4	1	6	16	28	9
9. **Syd. Croatia**	11	2	4	5	18	21	8
10. **Penrith City**	13	3	2	8	17	31	8
11. **Blacktown City**	10	3	1	6	15	21	7
12. **Syd. Olympic**	12	1	5	6	14	26	7
13. **Marconi**	9	1	4	4	14	17	6

Southern Division

19th May
Sunshine G.C.....1 v Footscray 2
Preston.....0 v Green Gully.....1
South Melbourne.....1 v Frankston Pines.....0
Brunswick U.J.....9 v Croydon City.....0
Nunawading City.....1 v Melbourne Croatia....11
Fawkner .....2 v Heidelberg Utd.....10

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. **H'berg Utd.**	11	8	0	3	48	17	16
2. **Brunswick U.J..**	11	6	4	1	40	15	16
3. **Footscray**	11	8	0	3	25	13	16
4. **South Melb.**	11	7	2	2	20	13	16
5. **Preston**	11	6	3	2	30	15	15
6. **Green Gully**	11	6	1	4	29	11	13
7. **Melb. Croatia**	11	5	3	3	27	11	13
8. **Sunshine G.C.**	11	4	3	4	26	15	11
9. **Fawkner**	11	2	2	7	13	42	6
10. **Nunawading**	11	1	3	7	7	33	5
11. **Frankston P.**	11	1	1	9	10	49	3
12. **Croydon City**	11	1	0	10	3	44	2

STAR SPOT

Full name: Paul Lewis

Birthplace and date: Mancot, Wales, 28/4/61.

Height and weight: 5' 9", 12 stone.

Home: Melton, Victoria.

Car: Datsun 200B.

Previous clubs: Chester, Green Gully, South Melbourne.

Nickname: George.

Team you supported as a boy: Liverpool.

Football heroes of childhood: Bobby Charlton and Kevin Keegan.

Most memorable match: Playing for Victoria v New York Cosmos.

Biggest thrill: Scoring a hat-trick v Croatia in Ampol Cup Final.

Biggest disappointment: Not making the grade as a pro at Chester.

Superstitions: Always going out fourth in line.

International or other honours: Welsh Youth and Victoria.

Favourite other sports persons: John McEnroe.

Favourite other sport: Golf and tennis.

Hobbies: Photography.

Favourite actor(s): Dustin Hoffman.

Favourite TV show: Minder.

Favourite musician: Diana Ross.

Biggest influence on career: Wife and family.

Favourite current players: Ian Rush.

Ambitions for 1985: To be N.S.L. top goal scorer.

Long term ambitions: To play for Australia.

After soccer career is over: To become a coach.

PAUL LEWIS

GREEN GULLY

MEN WITH THE WHISTLE

No.3 • STUART MELLINGS

Stuart Mellings, like a lot of our referees, never set out to be a referee, in fact when he was an amateur player, he hadn't much time for referees and he reckons, looking back, that he probably gave them a hard time.

As a little boy, he had broken both ankles, but thought little of it, until he went to see a doctor after being injured playing soccer in his amateur-works League.

The doctor told him to forget about playing soccer if he didn't want to become a cripple, so being sports-mad he asked the manager of his works sports complex if he could take up hockey.

The manager, one George Tranter, a one-time famous Football League referee, took one pitying look at him and said "Don't be daft, you're left-handed, don't you know that the only left-handers in hockey have to play in goal. . . how about refereeing?". So another FIFA ref was born.

That was in 1960, and the budding ref was just 21, having been born on Christmas Day 1939, in Hereford, almost on the England-Wales border.

His first game was a long way from any FIFA encounter, it was in a West Midlands Amateur League for five shillings, where as Stuart says, the lads were there to enjoy themselves, changed under a hedge, and the referee was merely incidental.

By the time Stuart decided to come to Australia, in 1964, he had worked his way up to running the line in the Birmingham League, and he started off the Australian '65 season as a Grade 2 referee.

It didn't take him long to learn that Australian soccer was vastly different to the UK version. "You've got to appreciate that there are different styles of play here, depending where players come from," he says. "I soon found out that what some British players took for granted in the way of tackles was considered to be over-physical by players from other countries, and referees have to adapt to all that."

Mellings became a Grade One ref after two seasons, and vividly remembers his first State League match — Juventus v Ringwood. "I called up the captains for the toss," he says, "and up came Juventus' Jimmy Millar, (who later became a ref himself), and said, 'welcome to the State League. ref', and shook hands with me, leaving a big blob of vaseline on my palm."

One of the outstanding referees in Victoria in the '60's and '70's was Geoff Harrison, a police sergeant off the field, and very often on it too.

"I'll never forget the first time I ran the line for Geoff," recalls Mellings. Before the game

he said, 'I don't want you flagging unnecesarily, if it's obvious I'll blow up . . . just leave it all to me.' So I never flagged when a player ran right off the park with the ball, round a spectator near the touchline and back onto the field again, but Harrison never blew either, and the game just went on! He never said a word, and I think the players were too surprised to protest."

Nowadays Mellings exudes such an air of calm efficiency on the field that it's hard to believe that he was ever a larrikin as a player, or that he ever suffers a qualm of misgiving. So what does he possess that he can pass on to a budding ref?

"I think that it is very important for a referee to have an air of control," he says, "because it gives the players confidence to play, and after all they make the game, the spectators want to see the players play, not the referee refereeing."

"I don't have any special routine before a game, whatever League or grade it is. I do like to arrive at the ground in time to get ready at my leisure, but not too soon.

"When the team-sheets arrive, I study them carefully . . . no, not to single out any players for special attention, but for Christian names. If I don't know a player's Christian name, I find out, because I think it is very important to address players by their Christian names, it means a far better rapport, and therefore a better performance from the player.

"As far as bad behviour from players is concerned, I'd like to see club captains take more of a lead in disciplining their players. If I could offer a club one single piece of advice, it would be to instil more discipline, and to appoint a captain with the character to exert a cooling influence on his players. Some players in Victoria come very close to being sent off every time they play, because of never-ending dissent, and I'm sorry to say that one of them until recently was captain of his NSL club.

"The referee I most admired was England's Jim Finney and I hope that I learnt a lot from him. But you can pick up the odd pearl of wisdom anywhere in the game if you listen.

"For instance, I was discussing the problem of discipline with Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan one day, and I asked him 'when you've tried every argument to make a player behave, without success, what's the bottom line, the ultimate argument?' Bobby replied quite simply, 'Appeal to his professionalism'. It has stuck in my mind ever since. And it was Jim Finney who used to say 'Amateurs compete with amateurs, professionals compete with themseves'.

"I've always tried to take that axion with me into my refereeing, so that no matter how major or minor a game I am given, I'm always competing with myselft to produce the best possible performance I can, and mentally I never compare my refereeing with anyone else's."

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BRISBANE BOSSES

Geoff Stead profiles the men who call the shots in Queensland.

JIM HERMISTON

To meet Jim Hermiston is to witness in real life the proverbial human dynamo, a man in perpetual motion — so it was not surprising to see the smiling Scotsman return to the NSL scene this season.

Hermiston, 37 but looking much younger, was appointed to replace Tony Lowndes as the Brisbane City coach after only four rounds of the 1985 competition. Jim was a popular choice and immediately brought success and confidence back to Spencer Park.

Lowndes, in his first NSL appointment, had tried hard but the step up from a successful coaching career in the lower leagues seemingly was too much at this stage. But the ever-happy Englishman will be back.

It was a return from exile for Hermiston and a chance for both parties to redeem themselves.

Hermiston, after a successful NSL playing career with City and neighbours Lions, receipt of an NSL Cup medal and national Player of the Year award, was appointed City coach in a blaze of publicity in 1983.

After a disasterous 1982 that had seen the Italian-supported side finish a hopeless last, Hermiston loomed as the guiding light out of the NSL cellar.

A self-confessed fitness fanatic, and at the time a physical education trainer for the Queensland Police Academy, Hermiston had his squad running over some of the most gruelling bush tracks in Brisbane.

The players were keen and fit, and they took their opponents by storm. City surged to the top of the table and after seven rounds were a point ahead with a game in hand. The City supporters were estatic.

Then the wheels fell off the Spencer Park wagon. City were to go into a playing slump and never recover. From the remaining 24 games they were to take only eight more points.

Hermiston tried everything he knew to halt the slide: different combinations, youth selections.

Then he sealed his own fate.

As tensions built on and off the field he sacked club favourites and stalwarts Frank Pimblett and Bobby Hamilton — saying their NSL careers were over. Hermiston's intentions were for the long term future of the club — his timing wrong. Wrong by about five years.

The sackings gave impatient club officials a lever and Hermiston, despite assurances that he would be at City "for life", was duly replaced by Joe Gilroy in 1984.

But thanks to the efforts of a hard-working, clever director who had backed Hermiston in the beginning, the former Aberdeen player is now back at the helm at Spencer Park. And it is with a new attitude this time.

"I made mistakes last time and I learned a lot. I have spoken to Frank and Bobby and asked them to forget the past, to work with me to re-build Brisbane City," Hermiston said.

And thankfully all concerned have shown a refreshing professionalism and have inspired everyone at Spencer Park to put their shoulder to the wheel.

Hermiston still has firm ideas about youth and the development of a youth policy at Spencer Park, but the transition will be much more gradual. This time he will blend rather than butcher.

Fitness will still be a key priority and Hermiston was aghast at the level of condition of the squad when he took over. It was obvious some players had shirked their responsibilities in training.

"We will be working a lot on fitness over the next month because I still believe to play good football you must be fit," Hermiston said.

And rather than throwing the young talent at Spencer Park to the wolves, Hermiston has begun a special programme to develop the club's budding young talent.

Players like Lee Scriggins, who trialed with Leicester City earlier in the year, Stephen Glockner, Luciano Fabrizio, Ray Junna and Frank Mengotti are among a Youth group who train separately on Wednesday nights.

"It's wrong to ignore young players once they make it into the National League. There are a lot of little things which need to be ironed out and talent further developed," Hermiston said.

"It is not always possible to do that in a full squad situation and more experienced players might become restless if they are interrupted to give a youngster a bit of extra coaching or advice.

"This way if the young players are keen enough to attend the extra training session, then they will be the ones to succeed."

And success looks set to find its way back to Spencer Park.

City's first game back under Hermiston was a draw with Melbourne Croatia, a side which ridiculed the Brisbane team with a brilliant display of football last year.

But not this time. City chased, hassled and even thought about their football for a change. They were a team with a purpose.

The following week, it was to Melbourne for a clash with Footscray. And a 3-1 win heralded that Hermiston and City were back.

"I am not a miracle worker but given time and the right attitude and commitment from the players I have always believed Brisbane City can compete with the best," Hermiston said.

"And I have a feeling that this time we are going to get it right."

Distinguished player, now distinguished coach, Jim Hermiston.

GORDON ARROWSMITH

Some coaches battle on for years without ever really gaining the full respect of their players. But with one simple decision, Brisbane Lions' Gordon Arrowsmith cemented the high regard in which he is held by the players at Richlands.

The incident had its origins in the match on April 14 between Brisbane Lions and Brunswick Juventus at Lions stadium. Referee Dave Nugent had stopped play to allow Brunswick defender Bryan Brown to replace his boot.

But with a knot that would not untie, what should have been a simple procedure dragged on and on. Angered by the delay, particularly when Lions were pressurising, Arrowsmith launched a heated verbal attack on Nugent from the bench.

The referee replied in the best manner he knew — he flashed a yellow card at Arrowsmith, with a warning a red was next.

The method proved very effective and although Arrowsmith and Nugent resolved the matter amicably after the match, the Lions coach was not about to let the card become simply a talking point during after match drinks.

"I will be fining myself $25 for receiving a yellow card," Arrowsmith told the media and his players.

"The players have been told that there is a club crackdown on dissent and they will be fined for such offences. As coach I should be setting an example and quite simply what I did was irresponsible. If it's good enough to fine the players then it should the the same for me," he said.

The action brought wide approval from players and members within and outside of the club.

"Some might have taken it as a bit of a joke, but all the players certainly respect Gordon for what he did. I think with that one action he drove home the whole dissent and yellow card point far better than an lecture or warning could have done. Everyone now realises that they have responsibilities and I think it will be a much better disciplined Lions team from now on," said a senior Lions player.

The action was yet another positive step by Arrowsmith since he took over the Lions reins midway through the 1984 season.

Arrowsmith was recruited from Lions from progressive local Intermediate League club Mitchelton. He had been a well-known personality in Brisbane soccer, having been a prominent goalkeeper with Bardon Latrobe.

He arrived at Richlands to coach the second team unaware of what was ahead.

Lions on the prowl: Ray Vliestra (Wolves) matched by John Stewart.

When Dutch coach Simon Kistemaker failed to return to Australia from a holiday in Holland, Lions appointed Harry Noon as their senior coach. Midway through the season, with Lions in a struggling third bottom position, Noon was sacked. Lions turned to Arrowsmith, giving him the NSL team with a kind of "do the best you can" attitude.

And the quiet achiever replied by giving the club its best season ever.

Typical of his attitude, Arrowsmith refused to make massive changes when he took over. He first looked to the players for guidance and sought out their feelings with regard to playing style and tactics.

And after a few weeks he began to mould his own policies around the players' preferences. The results were startling. Lions surged from their lowly position to force their way into fourth place and the National Conference play-offs.

On the way Lions even broke their Melbourne hoodoo of never having won in the southern capital for seven years.

Arrowsmith's achievements earned him the Coach-of-the-Year award from the Queensland division of the Australian Soccer Press Association. But in his typically modest acceptance speech he put the success down to the players.

This year Arrowsmith has the daunting task of bettering his 1984 achievements. But he is confident that in Lions he has a team capable of making the top four again. And he believes consensus is the way to do it.

"If a player needs discipline I will be the first to give it to him. But otherwise it is no use trying to make a player do something he can't or doesn't want to do.

"If I can develop the strengths of each player within the squad and they reply by giving total commitment and determination then I have no doubts that Lions can beat any team in the country," Arrowsmith said.

Lions so far have had an inconsistent start to the season, notching figures in the win, draw and loss columns. But Arrowsmith is confident things will begin to click.

"We have been keeping opponents in the game by not putting away our chances. We could have won just about every game but it is pointless to dwell on what would have been.

"We hopefully are over what was the club's worst run of injuries ever and everyone now is pushing for a place in the first team. The depth at the club is tremendous and no-one, not even the so-called established players, are guaranteed of a spot.

"I am sure we will come good at the right time of the season and success for me will be to prove to everyone that last season was no fluke."

STAR SPOT

Full name: Joe Senkalski.

Position: Midfielder.

Birthplace and date: Newcastle, 20/8/57.

Height and weight: 182cm, 70kg.

Home: Rankin Park, Newcastle.

Car: Celica.

Profession: P.E. Teacher.

Previous clubs: Sydney Olympic, Adamstown Rosebud.

Nickname: Joe Cool.

Team you supported as a boy: Adamstown Rosebud.

Football heroes of childhood: Kevin Keegan.

Most memorable match: Australia v Mexico, Melbourne 1983.

Biggest thrill: Collecting the NSL Cup, 1984.

Biggest disappointment: Reluctantly turning down contracts to join top Sydney Clubs.

Superstitions: None.

International or other honours: Australia World Cup Squad '82, Australia squad '83. Australia under 23, 1974.

Favourite other sports persons: Bjorn Borg, John Bertrand.

Favourite other sport: Snow skiing, but coach won't let me go.

Hobbies: Reading anything on physical education.

Favourite actor or actress: Barbra Streisand, Roger Moore.

Favourite musician: Anybody and everybody.

Biggest influence on career: All coaches I've played under have influenced me in some form, and my dad.

Favourite current players: Zarko Odzakov.

Ambition for 1985: Win a major trophy.

Long term ambitions: Help promote Newcastle as a strong soccer area.

After soccer career is over: Coach at senior level and work with other coaches.

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STAR SPOT

Full name: Arno Bertogna

Birthplace and date: Perth, W.A. 9/4/59.

Height and weight: 6' 1", 12st 10lb.

Position: Defence and midfield.

Occupation: Sales representative.

Home: Burwood, Sydney.

Car: Corona.

Favourite current player(s): Peter Tredinnick.

Ambitions for 1985: To do well with Leichhardt.

Long term ambitions: Be happy and take up coaching.

After soccer career is over: Coach at highest level possible.

Previous clubs: Perth Azzurri, Newcastle KB, Wollongong.

Nickname: Ziffel.

Teams you supported as a boy: Chelsea.

Most memorable match: Newcastle KB Utd v St George 1979 Philips Cup. We lost on the penalty I missed.

Biggest thrill: Representing Australia.

Biggest disappointment: Missing Socceroo selection 1984.

Superstitions: None.

International or other honours: W.A. representative junior and senior, N.S.W., National Youth 1977, Socceroos 1979.

Favourite other sports persons: John McEnroe.

Favourite other sport: Squash and tennis.

Hobbies: Music.

Favourite actor(s): Clint Eastwood, Robert de Niro.

Favourite TV show: Fawlty Towers.

Favourite musician: Ray Charles.

Biggest influence on career: Father, Alan Vest.

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Chris Kalantzis, Olympic's fleet-footed winger and World Youth Cup star.

Marshall Soper, Sydney Olympic's socceroo striker.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

John Economos surveys the passion and the pride of a mighty club

Sydney Olympic, easily the giants of Australian Soccer as far as crowd support is concerned, had historically always been starved of success till 1983.

But briefly, let's wind back the clock to 1961.

In 1961, Pan Hellenic (as the club was known then), came into first division. The coach was the Hungarian Julias Polgyar, a former Hungarian first division star who had migrated to Australia.

Pan Hellenic's president at that time, was the very popular and powerful, George Zantey, who realising the club's playing staff needed bolstering to survive in first division, immediately signed some Greek imports.

Zantey brought out big name players of the likes of George Yangou, Angelo Mavropoulos, Jim Hatzis, Themis Toussis, Sot Patrinos and later, the popular but erratic striker, Johnny Karagianis who proved to be a great crowd pleaser.

In 1968, under coach Walter Tamandl, a former Austrian international and former player with Prague and Pan Hellenic, Pan Hellenic reached the NSW Grand Final against Hakoah at the Sydney Sportsground.

After so many disappointments over the years, Pan Hellenic supporters felt that their time to celebrate a triumph had arrived. A crowd of 26,000 crammed into the ground with great expectations, but it was not to be their day.

Despite Pan Hellenic fielding one of the very best players to have ever come to an Australian club, the Greek immortal Takis Loukanidis, Hakoah yet again proved too strong to defeat the Greek team 4-2.

Following Tamandl, the much loved 'Uncle' Joe Vlasits came to the club and immediately inspired a Youth policy within the club, a policy that was previously alien to the Greeks.

With the inception of the National Soccer League in 1977, the old Pan Hellenic was folded and a brand new club created with the name **Sydney Olympic**.

Sydney Olympic's first president was Michael Kontos and their first NSL coach was 1976 Rothmans Medal winner the ever-reliable Bruce Stowell.

The same year, a new official surfaced, to take over the Olympic presidency from Mr Kontos who had gone overseas.

The man was John Constantine, a young Sydney Greek lawyer. Constantine's regime spanned from 1977 to 1982 when the current president, Mr Jim Petinellis took over.

In the last of the 1979 season, Sydney Olympic played St George at the Marconi Stadium to settle which club would be relegated. Saints defeated Olympic 1-nil, the goal coming from St George's youthful midfielder, Peter Katholos, who buried a 25-metre drive that proved to be the last nail in Olympic's coffin.

But rather than hold a grudge against Kathlos, Olympic approached St George and bought the young, powerful midfielder.

During Sydney Olympic's spell in the State League in 1980, coach Jim Adam managed to win for the club that year's Ampol Cup Final when they defeated Sydney Croatia 1-nil at the Sydney Sportsground before a crowd of 11,000.

In 1981, Olympic secured the services of ex-Manchester United's jovial Scot, Tommy Docherty. But Docherty lasted only four months. He flew back to England to take over Preston North End.

Doug Collins took up from where Docherty left off and stayed with the club till almost the end of the following year.

1983 saw the return of Tommy Docherty to Olympic but late in the season the two parties parted company and Manfred Schaefer made a most surprising return to top football.

Sydney Olympic that year, won it's very first major trophy when they defeated Victoria's Heidelberg United in the two legged National Cup Final 1-nil in both games. Hero of the NSL Cup Final was the young Olympic right flanker, Terry Patalis who scored the winning goal in each leg.

Much of the credit however, must go to Olympic's two top class defenders, Mike Coady and Martyn Rogers.

Last year, Sydney Olympic made a belated run for the NSL Championship but was pipped on the post by Eddie Thompson's Sydney City. However, in the NSW NSL Grand Final, Olympic managed to defeat Sydney City to earn the right to play for the National Championship against Victorian heavyweights, South Melbourne.

South Melbourne however defeated Olmypic in both legs by the identical scoreline (2-nil).

This year, Sydney Olympic made a disasterous start in the League when the squad was hit by a most unusual string of serious injuries to key players.

The talented, ball-playing sweeper, Tony Dakos, was the first to require surgery to have his medial and lateral ligaments repaired to his left knee. Only recently has Dakos made a comeback.

Then Peter Katholos severly damaged ligaments also to his knee which required complicated surgery. Katholos will be out of action for another eight weeks. Then striker Nick Theodorakopoulos broke his leg.

Other injuries followed to captain Peter Raskopoulos, Chris Kalantzis and deadly striker, Marshall Soper.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel. Sydney Olympic squad has been greatly bolstered in recent weeks by the guest appearance of Celtic's Scottish World Cup winger, Davie Provan who arrived three weeks ago, and Lakis Papaionnou from Greece.

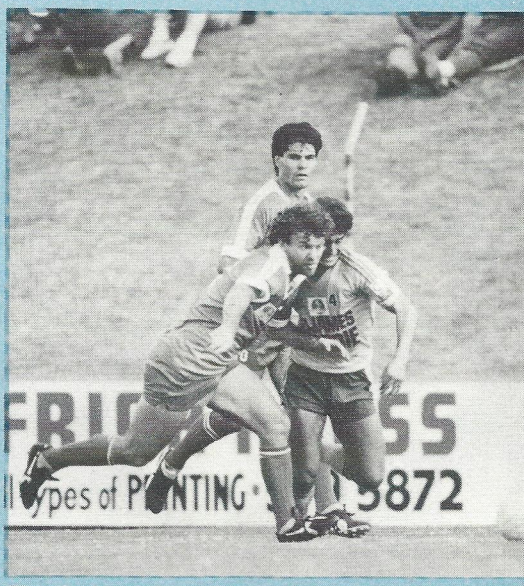
Papaionnou, a member of the Greek World Cup X1, toured last year with his Greek club side Iraklis which participated in the World Soccer Series. He is currently one of the leading players in Greece where he controls his club and national team from the central midfield position.

Club captain, Peter Raskopoulos, although only 23, has no less than eight years experience in NSL football. Peter is the gear-box for Olympic, and is one of the best passers of the ball in the League.

Martyn Rogers, a former Manchester United reserve player, is a defender of quality. Since Rogers joined Olympic two seasons ago, his presence in the back-four has injected solidarity.

Together with Dakos and international left-back, Graham Jennings, the Olympic defence evoked a degree of respectability never before achieved.

Gary Phillips at the right fullback or midfield with his tough, non-stop tackling, is another vital ingredient to the Olympic line-up.



Olympic skipper Peter Raskopoulos, with Peter Katholos in support, battles against Canberra.

Upfront in the Olympic attack-line, they have two strikers that on their day are match winner: the explosive and dynamic, Marshall Soper, and left-flank-striker, teenager, Chris Kalantzis.

Soper, has a quality most desirable in a champion. That is an unyielding will to win no matter what the odds. As well, he is one of the few real personalities in Soccer today. By that, I mean whenever he gets the ball, he is one of the few players who can lift the crowd.

And last but not least, special mention must be made for Sydney Olympic's longest serving player, and possibly the NSL's longest serving player with the one club, none other than Gary Meier, underestimated goalkeeper.

People ask when Gary is going to retire as he's been with the club for 14 consecutive years. But the gentle-giant turns 30 on September 10, an age when most good goalkeepers are only just starting to blossom.

So far this year, Olympic with the above mentioned glut of injuries, have achieved mixed results. But they are once again in the NSL Cup Final where they will meet Victoria's Preston. Even, if they don't manage to win the League Championship this year, they will definitely be starting as favourites for the NSL Cup Final and will be out to duplicate their success they achieved in 1983.

A state-of-the game chat with KK on Oz soccer, World Cups and Kiwis

INTERVIEW: KEVIN KEEGAN

Kevin Keegan's recent two-match stint with Blacktown City was very much appreciated by Sydney soccer fans, as was apparent when the police had to close the gates at Bossley Park before the kick-off of his final appearance, against Croatia.

Fans in other States had to be content with a few glimpses of this prince of players on SBS TV, but **Les Shorrock** of Melbourne's Radio 3EA was fortunate enough to interview Kevin at some length. What he had to say about the state of the game here was so interesting that we reproduce the interview for NSM readers:

Les Shorrock: What are your first impressions of Australian soccer?

Kevin Keegan: With reference to the club I played with, I used the term naive when I was referring to the defence. It was only in defence that we were naive, and I thought that improved a bit in the second game. But overall I was pleasantly surprised by the NSL. From what I've seen, through playing two games and watching part of the Marconi v Inter Monaro match, I think it is tremendously entertaining and has a high level of skill. I can't for the life of me understand why you don't do better at International level.

For instance, comparing your game with New Zealand's, you have definitely got the edge in skill, where the New Zealanders seem to play more aggressively. Maybe the difference is in fitness. The New Zealanders seem very fit but I played there before coming here and your League has a much higher standard of skill. In fact, I must say I was pleasantly surprised.

I know that you have quite a dismal record against New Zealand in World Cup matches, but if I can make a comparison, it is like the English situation. The English First Division is probably the highest standard in the world, but it doesn't guarantee to produce an England team that is certain always to beat, say Holland, whose domestic League isn't as high a standard.

LS: What do we need to do to improve our standard?

KK: You have to remember that your players are part-timers, and there's a limit to what you can do when you are part-time. It's not like being fully professional. These lads are working through the day and training two and three times a week, which doesn't give them much opportunity to brush up on their skills, especially when the conditions under which they train are often far from ideal. At Blacktown for instance, we had such terrible weather during my visit that the lads had to train on a carpark, which isn't very helpful. But to put it all in perspective, I think your skill level, considering the limited number of training hours, is very high.

Obviously with part-timers, the fitness standard isn't high enough, and if you put the two together, you come to the conclusion that you are only going to improve if and when some clubs can go fully professional. I'm sure, given the present economic climate, that's still a long way off.

Until you do become professional you've no hope of competing on a level footing against the likes of Spain or Scotland, or whoever you might meet if you get through your group.

LS: Kevin, We all know you were summarily dumped from the England team when Bobby Robson took over, and it is now a matter of

record that you had two glorious years with Newcastle, which ended when the Magpies were promoted and you quit for good. On evidence of the two games we've seen you play, you are obviously still very fit. Do you ever have any regrets about quitting too soon?

KK: Funnily enough I don't. Of course, I still thoroughly love playing; I think that shows, and Sunday was lovely, with 15,000 people in the ground, and the gates locked with other people still clamouring to get in. That doesn't happen very often, not only here in Australia, but in Britain too. But I'm enjoying so much what I'm doing now, coming here to play for a club like Blacktown on a month's visit. I'm off to Japan next, and recently I've been to Malaysia and Finland, and I honestly think that I'm doing a bit of good for the game, bringing a breath of fresh air if you like, and some new ideas. I love talking to people involved in the different set-ups, without coming under the pressures that would inevitably follow if I took a permanent job with one club or other.

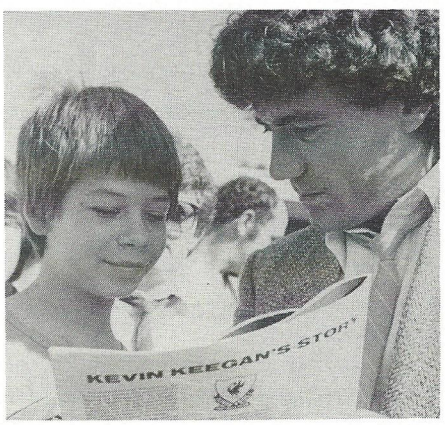
And of course I'm fit, I hope to remain fit until the day I die. It's something I pride myself on and I've always kept fit, even way back in 1966 I used to go for twenty-mile runs before I turned professional for Scunthorpe.

LS: As I watched the recent Milk Cup-Final, I couldn't help wondering if you didn't have just a twinge of envy as you saw your mate Mick Channon go up for his Cup-winners Medal with Norwich. Didn't you, just for a teeny moment, wish it was you?

KK: I wasn't the slightest bit envious of Mick, because nobody in the game deserves it more. He refuses to give up, he's hanging in there and he's worked very hard for that medal. It's easy to give up and a lot of people were writing Mick off two years ago; but he's stuck at it and done Norwich a lot of good.

It's not as easy to keep fit at 33 as it is at 23 you know. I loved his comment after that Final too, when he said "I'm going to do the opposite to Kevin Keegan, I'm going to hang in there as long as I can," and I admire him for that. I think it is fantastic that he thinks that way.

But no, I don't envy anybody, because I've had a great time. I have never had a serious injury. I've played 60 odd times for England, captained the England team for five years, won European Cup medals, UEFA Cup medals, League Championship medals, and FA Cup medals — virtually everything the game has to offer, and I think the game has been very good to me.



LS: Turning to the World Cup, which is just over the horizon now, as you know, it is going to be played in Mexico, and the games are going to be played in the heat of the day, to suit world-wide television audiences. Italy's coach Enzo Bearzot is on record saying that the Cup will be won by the best technically equipped team and that older players will come into their own, because they will have the experience to slow the game down and conserve their energy. What do you think of that view?

KK: I think that's very true. I think the choice of Mexico is a good one. I think the choice of kick-off times is a scandalous one. Once again they are proving that the last person they think of is the professional footballer who is there to represent his country. To kick off at noon and two o'clock is only to the detriment of the football. There is going to be some great football played, because you've got most of the greatest players in the world all on the same stage, but you'll only see it in glimpses, because no player, be he young or old is going to be able to keep going flat out for 90 minutes in that combination of heat, humidity and altitude that is Mexico in Summer.

I think it is wrong that TV is beginning to dominate the game to such an extent. Even if the Finals are held in Mexico, and it's say eight hours time difference to the major football centres, if people are keen enough to watch they will get up in the early hours, just as you people are doing for the European Cup and the FA Cup. The sad part about it is that if the games in the World Cup don't come up to expectations, it's the players, who will get the blame, not the administrators who decided that the game should be played in 90 degree heat.

The venue is going to suit South American and Latin type players more than European, but it's only fair because the next World Cup will be held in Italy, which will obviously suit European teams like Italy, West Germany, Holland and England.

LS: Finally, Kevin, to get right away from Football, what about your ambition to ride in the Grand National. Wouldn't it be great if you and your mate Mick Channon could breed a horse that you could ride to victory in the famous steeplechase?

KK: Oh yes . . . well you obviously know it's something I'm very keen on, but its two or three years away yet. I can ride all right but there's a difference in being able to ride, and being able to get round Aintree, let alone to win. It's one of these things I've always wanted to do, though. I wanted to make a record, and I have done that, and now I want to ride in the National. But as far as Mick and me breeding a National winner, you must be joking. We'd like to breed a horse that could win a race, any race, anywhere. It seems we are only breeding donkeys at the moment, they are only fit for Skegness beach in Lincolnshire, giving rides to kids.

LS: I don't believe that for a minute, Mick's too astute a judge of horses for that. Anyway, it's been great having you with us, even if it was for such a short time, best of luck.

KK: Thanks very much. Les, my best wishes to all the soccer fans of Australia, and the main thing is, if they are playing the game, just enjoy it, it is the greatest game there is. ■

Goood luck

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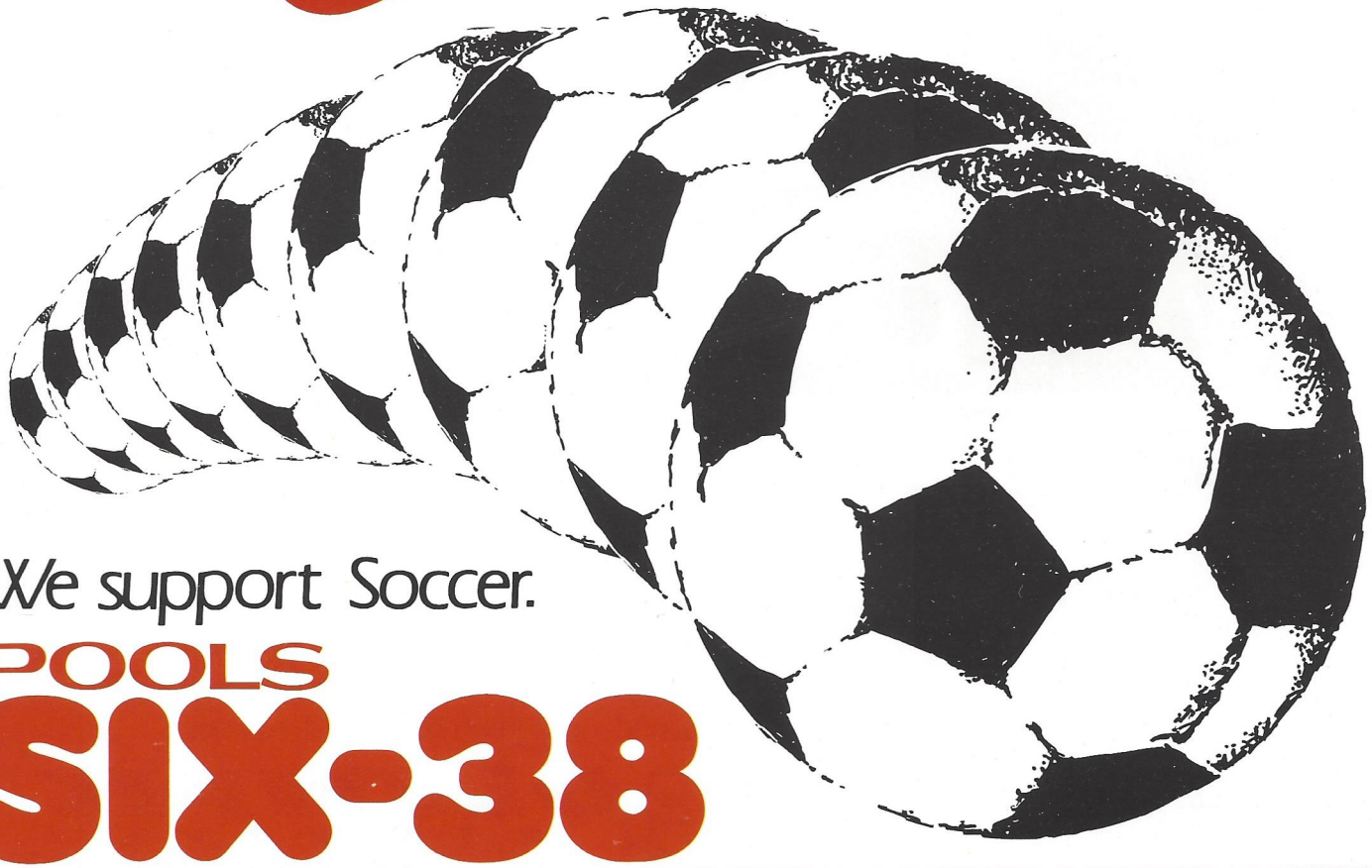

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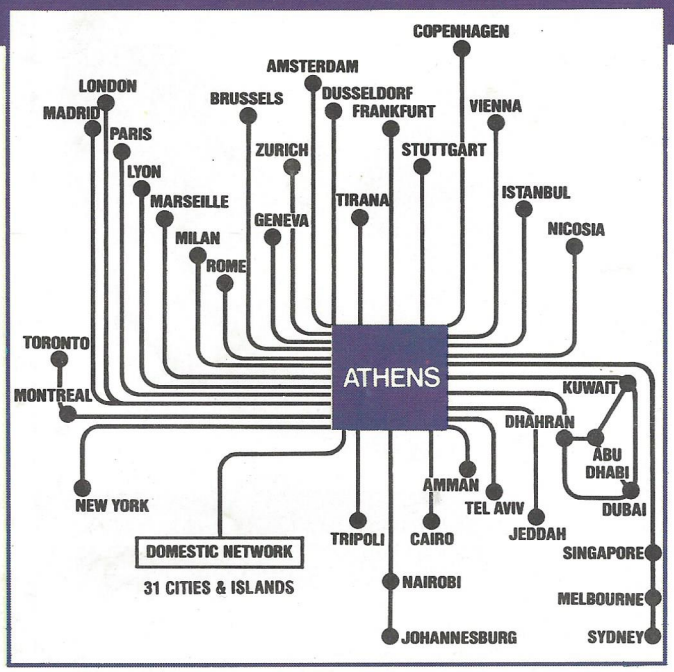

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